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ANDERSON	SHILTON	BURNS	GRAY
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EVES	GRAY	RICHARDS	
CARR	DANIEL	HIBBITT	
PARKIN	HUGHES	BERRY	PALMER
	BRADSHAW		

FOREST

Defence

There is little to be said about Peter Shilton that hasn't already been said. His mere presence gives his fellow defenders confidence and he has stood between victory and defeat for Forest many times. Even so, Shilton is only human and, by the standard he set in 1978/79, his form this season has been patchy. His mistake put Liverpool on the way to victory in the F.A. Cup, while around Christmas Peter had a couple of disasters in the League. Having said that, it is only because Shilton is so consistently good that any slip stands out a mile. Lloyd and Burns will match Gray and Richards in the air, although the Wolves pair may have the edge on pace. Gray, in particular, is looking like the Gray of 1977 and Wembley could be the stage for him to remind everyone of what he can do. Forest defend from the front, getting players behind the ball very quickly. Their midfield men tackle well, which helps full-backs Anderson and Gray. This means the Forest back-four is rarely caught out.

Midfield

Three beavers who work non-stop for 90 minutes. McGovern may not be the favourite of the Forest fans, but he does a first-class job winning the ball and using it intelligently. The Scot is the sort of player who is dearly missed when he is injured and it is a shame his unselfish contribution is often overlooked. Ian Bowyer has been in-and-out of the side, yet he has scored some vital goals from midfield. With Stan Bowles ineligible, Bowyer will get his chance again and it will be good to see this loyal player rewarded with another Final appearance. O'Neill is the most adventurous of the trio; his jinking runs down the right create many chances for the team. The strength of the Forest midfield is their ability to stifle opponents and

their schemers' work-rate was one major reason why they overcame Liverpool in the Semi-Finals.

Attack

To criticise Trevor Francis or John Robertson is almost laying yourself open to ridicule. Yet the facts are that neither has scored anything like the number of goals they should have done; Robertson, in particular, despite his penalty-tally, which gives a false impression of goals scored, while Francis' hat-trick against Manchester City recently was long

Can Forest's goal-



Frank Gray (left) and Larry Lloyd (below, light strip) will be tested to the limit by the Wolves strike-force of John Richards and Andy Gray as Forest attempt to achieve a League Cup hat-trick.



overdue. Forest's success in Cups has been due more to the goals they haven't conceded than the goals they've scored. Birtles has done all that could be expected. Forest have still struggled to score, though: they've played Liverpool four times in the past year in the League Cup, scored three goals, all of them Robertson penalties. It's a mystery. Peter Taylor talks about how "Trevor is a much better player now." He certainly HAS improved all-round... but is it at the expense of his goal-tally?

defence hold the hungry Wolves?

WOLVES Defence

Bradshaw is basically a sound goalkeeper who makes full use of his physical attributes. The back-four still has what former manager Bill McGarry called "moments of madness". They'll be looking safe, then someone will have a rush of blood to the head and do something disastrous. Emlyn Hughes has been a calming influence, but one still has the feeling that Wolves could throw it all away with an appalling mistake. Full-backs Palmer and Parkin were in Wolves' 1974 League Cup Final side; spare a thought for leg-break victim John McAlle, who could well have played had he been fit.

Midfield

A good balance, with Daniel the powerhouse, Hibbitt the play-maker and Carr the driving force. They don't always get the ball forward quickly enough; Carr, in particular, has been guilty of holding on to it for too long. Hibbitt has scored some spectacular goals, although he hasn't been on target regularly this season. Daniel is an underestimated player. He was bought as a full-back; but has become one of the First Division's most effective midfielders, com-

bing defensive and attacking skills. It should be a rare old battle at Wembley for midfield domination. Forest must ensure the Wolves schemers don't control the match and provide a constant supply of passes to Gray and Richards. Forest often have a fourth man in midfield, either Francis or Robertson, but this restricts their power up-front. Our guess is that Wolves will be the more attacking of the two finalists.

Attack

John Barnwell bought Dave Thomas to supply crosses for Andy Gray and John Richards; when he failed to provide this service, the ex-Everton winger was dropped by Barnwell. Eves isn't a winger in the true sense, even though he tends to play wide. Gray, especially, needs a winger to make best use of his skills. This has placed extra emphasis on the midfield to get the ball to Gray and Richards and, as we have mentioned, they've been guilty of taking that vital second too long. The two strikers have been looking really sharp and, given the right service, could tear holes in even the best defence. Eves has been scoring regularly since the New Year, while his more famous striking partners can, and have, won matches with a flash of genius. Barnwell may decide that the open spaces of Wembley will suit Thomas, but it's more likely that Eves will play and Thomas may be kept for the sub's job.



Mel Eves (right) has displaced Dave Thomas in the Wolves forward line, helping out John Richards, pictured left scoring against Manchester United in the League earlier this season.

SHOOT VERDICT...

Midfield will be crucial and one reason Forest overcame Liverpool was because of their supremacy in this area. Geoff Palmer must mark Robertson out of the game, as he is instrumental in so many Forest attacks. If the Wolves defence can subdue the Forest strike-force and their midfield give Gray and Richards the right service they can win.

HOW THEY REACHED WEMBLEY

FOREST			WOLVES		
ROUND	OPPONENTS	RES	ROUND	OPPONENTS	RES
2nd 1st leg	Blackburn (a)	1-1	2nd 1st leg	Burnley (a)	1-1
2nd 2nd leg	Blackburn (h)	6-1	2nd 2nd leg	Burnley (h)	2-0
3rd	Middlesbro' (a)	3-1	3rd	C. Palace (a)	2-1
4th	Bristol City (a)	1-1	4th	Q.P.R. (a)	1-1
Replay	Bristol City (h)	3-0	Replay	Q.P.R. (h)	1-0
5th	West Ham (a)	3-0	5th	Grimsby (a)	0-0
Replay	West Ham (h)	3-0	Replay	Grimsby (h)	1-1
			2nd Replay	Grimsby (h)	2-0
Semi 1st leg	Liverpool (h)	1-0	Semi 1st leg	Swindon (a)	1-2
Semi 2nd leg	Liverpool (a)	1-1	Semi 2nd leg	Swindon (h)	3-1



Andy with his Villa winners' tankard.

SHOOT columnists

ANDY GRAY AND DISCUSS THE



'I felt all along we'd reach Wembley'

GRAY: A few days before we played Norwich at Carrow Road, I was talking to Geoff Palmer, who was on 16 penalty points. I told him not to worry, as no player has ever missed a Final because of a one-match ban. What happened? I was cautioned at Norwich, which took me to the dreaded 20-point total and caused me a few sleepless nights. It's ironic that I was relying on my old club, Aston Villa, to help me out. I certainly learned my lesson. All 20 points were for talking back at referees and while I feel it wrong that dissent is often punished more severely than foul play, I have only myself to blame!

SHILTON: Playing at Wembley in Finals is a nice habit to get into. We at Forest are proud to have created another record. A couple of years ago we set the record for unbeaten games. Now, we're in our third successive League Cup Final.

GRAY: When I signed for Wolves earlier this season I was confident I'd have the chance of success in the future, but, to be honest, I didn't expect the opportunity to present itself so soon.

SHILTON: It's an old cliché, but we take every game as it comes. We don't say we want to win this competition or that. Forest simply go out to win each match and prepare in the same way. Obviously you're more geared up for some games than others, because of the opposition or the occasion. People say the League Cup is the easiest of the major competitions to win. NO competition is easy to win and clubs try as hard in the League Cup as any other.

GRAY: I believe if your name is on the Cup then you'll win it. I felt all

along we'd reach Wembley. You need luck to win a Cup and we've had the breaks. Against Crystal Palace Kenny Sansom presented us with a goal when we were almost out; against Q.P.R. we equalised in the 92nd minute and overcame a bombardment in the replay; against Grimsby they twice hit the bar with the score level.

SHILTON: I remember when we played West Ham, there was no score and a centre was played to the far post. David Cross came running in and headed the ball with all his power. Instinctively, I put up my hands to knock the ball for a corner. Afterwards, the manager said what a fantastic save it was. The truth is that I knew nothing about it!

GRAY: What about the penalties against Liverpool?

SHILTON: I wouldn't say they were lucky. They were definitely penalties, no doubts at all.

GRAY: To the best of my knowledge, I've only scored one goal against you, while you were with Stoke City. Certainly I've not been on a winning side against Forest.

SHILTON: It was a marvellous game in the League at the City Ground this season. We won 3-2 after being 3-0 up.

GRAY: Yes, we came back well that afternoon and very nearly salvaged a point. I hope the League Cup Final is as exciting ... with the scoreline reversed!

SHILTON: It would be fair to say that our League form overall has disappointed us. We had a rough

patch mid-way and that was enough to knock us out of the Championship race.

GRAY: What went wrong?

SHILTON: I think it was a natural reaction to all the success we've had over the past few seasons. It's all come very quickly and I suppose something had to give at some time, but we soon got back into our stride.

GRAY: It was the same when we lost 3-0 in the F.A. Cup to Watford. Our performance was a natural reaction after all the hard games we'd had previously. We played two games a week for about six weeks and when we met Watford we were drained mentally. Like you, I was happy we got back into a winning streak in the League right away, though.

SHILTON: You seem to be buzzing a bit right now.

GRAY: It's amazing that a year ago the club were struggling to avoid relegation. John Barnwell and Richie Barker must take most of the credit. Their secret is simply hard work. Apart from Emllyn Hughes and myself, it's the same side as last year. The difference is that now the team accepts nothing but victory whereas before it was in the habit of losing. It's amazing what confidence can do for a team. Having said that, we are still more geared to winning a one-off competition like the League Cup. If we

finish in the top six this season it will be little short of a miracle considering last season and if we improve 50 per cent NEXT season ... well, we should be quite a team.

SHILTON: We have come to terms with two-leg Cup-ties quickly, both in the League Cup and in Europe. The highlight of our path to Wembley was our performance at Anfield in the second-leg of the Semi-Final. As a spectacle for the fans it wasn't exciting. From a professional and team viewpoint, it was first-class. I'll admit in the first-leg Liverpool could have won by two or three goals, but that's how it goes.



GRAY: Your defence is just about the hardest to break down. I'll confess that if the Final were over two legs I'd be a little less confident! Liverpool are easier to play against than Forest and I'm glad the Final is just one game.

SHILTON: Wolves are in the Final on merit and a difficult side to play against. This season they're more consistent and are always capable

Andy Gray in action for Aston Villa against Everton at Wembley in 1977



PETER SHILTON BIG MATCH

of scoring goals. I was very impressed with the victory over Liverpool just a week or so after winning at Old Trafford.

GRAY: My own view is that Forest's strength is their defence. I have a great deal of respect for you, personally, for the way you've worked at your game. I can't think of any player who has put more in to improving himself.

SHILTON: I'll need to be at my best against you and John Richards. I don't keep a book of strikers, but everyone knows how brave you are and how strong in the air you are... how John Richards likes to 'pick up the pieces'. I respect whoever I play against. By the way, I wouldn't agree our strength is at the back. I like to think our strength is our all-over team work. Good teams don't have strong departments. True, we can defend when we have to, but we can also score when we have to.

GRAY: Fair point, but you seem to be missing Tony Woodcock up-front. The attack has been shuffled around to accommodate Charlie George's brief spell at Forest and Stan Bowles' arrival, with Trevor Francis switching between midfield and attack. Brian Clough and Peter Taylor seem to be the only people who feel Trevor is most effective in midfield. For my money, Trevor is an out-and-out striker and one of the best at that.

SHILTON: When we struggled a

few months back we conceded a few goals for one reason or another and, yes, we weren't scoring as many as we would have liked. The vital goal wouldn't come. When I've played against Trevor he's been a striker, but it's not for me to say where his best position is.

GRAY: Whoever plays, there won't be much to choose between the sides in terms of experience. Just about all the players have been to Wembley before, one way or another.

SHILTON: My first appearance there was when I was 15 for England Schoolboys in front of 90,000 fans. We won — I think it was 3-0 — but I definitely kept a clean sheet. It was a roasting hot day and as I'd had a bit of a cold in the week I was worried if I would play or if it would affect me. Luckily it didn't.

GRAY: My one and only appearance at Wembley was a complete anti-climax. It was in 1977 when Villa and Everton drew 0-0 and if I can say anything with confidence about this weekend's game, it is that it will be more exciting than that one! The Final seemed to be over in a flash. I remember the emptiness of going through the motions of walking up the steps to the Royal Box... and walking down again with nothing to show for it.

SHILTON: To really appreciate Wembley you need to play there a



'Wolves are a difficult side to play against'

few times. It can do funny things to players. Some freeze up and I believe a few internationals have been discarded prematurely because of a poor first Wembley performance.

GRAY: I've been back to Wembley to watch matches and comment for TV. Ever since the 1977 Final I've been eager to play there again and enjoy it this time. Last time the whole afternoon passed in a flash.

SHILTON: We've both known the frustration of watching our club win the League Cup Final. I was Cup-tied in 1978, although it was made easier because so were Archie Gemmill and David Needham. Thankfully, Forest were going well in the League and I was able to help them win the Championship.

GRAY: I aggravated an ankle injury at Wembley and eventually missed the victorious Old Trafford replay. However, I felt I'd helped the team win the Cup with my contribution in earlier games. More than anything I was delighted that we'd won, that was the most important thing.

SHILTON: Last season's Final against Southampton was exciting and I'm sure Saturday's game will be just as good to watch. We won't pull any punches and I doubt whether Wolves will either.

GRAY: I agree. If I'm confident we can win it's because we've hit form at the right time, on our day we can beat anyone and we have a lot of potential goalscorers.

SHILTON: I haven't thought too

much about the Final until this week. At Forest, there is always so much going on you're lucky if you have two minutes to think!

GRAY: From our point of view, we wanted to win as many League points as possible to gain entry into the U.E.F.A. Cup by a high League placing. After all, there are no guarantees who will win at Wembley!

SHILTON: I've found playing at Wembley different with club and country. Playing there with your club is more personalised... the support is closer, and the atmosphere makes you feel just a little more at home.

GRAY: The League Cup Final has more fans from the two clubs than the F.A. Cup Final, which makes the atmosphere electric. You won't find many uncommitted supporters at Wembley.

SHILTON: My family will be there. I think it's worse for them than me because they can't do anything sitting in the stand. It must be awful for the parents of a youngster playing there for the first time. Wembley is easier for me now as I've played there so often.

GRAY: A mini-bus with my family will be coming down from Scotland. It's as much of an occasion for them as it is for me assuming I'm available to play. The new Mrs Gray — Vanessa — will be there, of course, as she is at most Wolves games. We were married just before Christmas, but kept it a secret to avoid any fuss. A winners' medal would make it a marvellous season for me, but I'm sure you have other ideas!

Peter Shilton joins his victorious Forest team-mates after beating Southampton.





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HUGHES on BARNWELL

McGOVERN on CLOUGH

'He likes to copy Liverpool'

WOLVES skipper Emlyn Hughes accepted the challenge of his career when he left the security and success of Liverpool to join John Barnwell at Molineux last summer. Wolves, it was said, were struggling and unfashionable. And those same prophets of doom predicted Hughes was as good as finished.

As Hughes and Wolves prepare for the League Cup Final, the England defender gives his views on the man who has already made so many so-called experts chew their words in embarrassment.

On the subject of discipline, Hughes says: "The sign of a strong and healthy club is when the public believes there is a rigid and severe regime behind the players, yet the very opposite situation exists.

'Adults'

"John Barnwell treats his players like adults. He allows us to lead our own lives and does not interfere. We are professionals and know what is required of us.

"The boss will not tolerate dissent on the field of play. Nor will he put up with lateness for training. But we know where we stand. He is strict and fair in a totally adult, relaxed fashion."

On training, Hughes says: "John Barnwell and Richie Barker are involved with the players all the time. Management is a two-man job these days. So Richie plays just as big a part in the overall scene as the boss.

"They both put us through our paces and both ensure that there is always something new in our routine. This presents a constant challenge and keeps people on

their toes."

When it comes to tactics, Hughes reveals his own special working relationship with Barnwell: "I see a lot of him outside the club because he has taken me completely into his confidence. This was part of the reason why I came to Wolves — to be involved.

"We discuss the previous game and spend hours hammering at things he or I believed went wrong. The boss is very shrewd and quick to spot a weakness in play. All the players are involved during team-talks and nothing is left to chance."

Barnwell's relationship with his players and his approach to management are based on a secret ingredient which Hughes reveals to be: "Humour! The boss has a sharp and topical sense of humour. And he uses it to great effect.

"When we have played well he hits the dressing room with a series of quips that leave some of the lads in stitches. And when we have not played well and he believes we deserve a right roasting, he knows how to give one. But he always ends up with a joke. And that takes some doing."

What of John Barnwell's future plans? Says Hughes: "He believes in copying only the best — and that's Liverpool. The boss wants Wolves to become as strong, organised and consistent as the League Champions and from what I have seen, I honestly believe he can achieve his aim.

"When the man took over Wolves were doomed for relegation.

"Now we are at Wembley and enjoying life in the top half of the First Division with every chance of finishing inside the top six."



on at Forest because our belief is that if you put your own game right you are a long way towards what you are aiming at.

"There are times, like against Liverpool, when we make the odd tactical switch that will help us in one-off situations.

"Team talks generally revolve around a discussion about the previous game and what we can learn from it. Individuals come in for criticism but when that applies

'Goes through the game like a video!'

FOREST captain John McGovern has been with manager Brian Clough for the best part of 15 years, so his views on the man regarded as one of the most colourful and controversial in football bear close listening.

On discipline, McGovern says: "People get it all wrong about the boss. The majority think he is something of a dictator but all he does is set standards and expects people to adhere to them.

"If we step out of line then we know we will be bounced on. Thankfully, it's never happened to me, but I've known him longer than most players so I know exactly what he expects.

"On the field, he hates dissent — basically because referees' decisions are final and there is no point in getting yourself into unnecessary trouble."

On training, McGovern reveals: "The boss and Peter Taylor give a completely free hand to Jimmy Gordon to do what he thinks fit... and that means maintaining our level of fitness at a peak.

"The boss doesn't often take us but when he does we know about it. He'll have us diving through each other's legs, jumping over walls and all manner of demanding tasks."

When it comes to tactics, McGovern explains: "It's something we don't spend a lot of time

everything comes out in the open — there's never any suggestion of the boss or Peter having a quiet word about something a player has done wrong in a game.

"The boss goes through the game just like a video machine. He will point out little things that happened... mistakes that you thought nothing of at the time.

"He once had a right go at me for taking a free-kick quickly when I didn't have adequate cover behind me. That's the sort of thing he spots and rams home to you."

Appreciate

Of the Clough character that few people know about and appreciate, McGovern comments: "I've been with him a long time and in many ways he's given me more confidence than I've had in myself. But, contrary to common belief, my relationship with him has never got beyond the player-manager one. I wouldn't want it any other way.

"Like any other player, I know that he will come down heavily on me if I do anything wrong. But, also like anyone else, I know that if I have any problems, he will be there standing beside me.

"If a player has got his back to the wall in any situation, I can't think of anyone who is more likely to support him than the boss."

FOREST'S RECORD HAT-TRICK



Nottingham Forest's Garry Birtles scores his second goal in last season's 3-2 victory over Southampton.

NOTTINGHAM Forest will create football history when they step out at Wembley for the League Cup Final, the first team to appear there three seasons in succession.

Attempting to stop them achieving a unique hat-trick are John Barnwell's Wolves, winners of the competition in 1974.

It all adds up to one of the most interesting confrontations in years, the fifth consecutive all-First Division League Cup Final.

Which all goes to prove just how far the League Cup has progressed since its introduction in 1960, when Rotherham and Rochdale were among the early finalists.

Many First Division clubs refused to enter the early competition, which perhaps explains the reasons behind the lower League clubs' early success, but since entry into the U.E.F.A. Cup became automatic for the winners, interest has been sky-high.

Curious

One of the most curious facts about the Football League Cup is that it has been won by two Second Division teams and two from the Third but never by Arsenal, Everton, Liverpool or Manchester United. Some rough justice here, perhaps, because these four clubs were among those which turned their backs on the competition in its infancy.

However, the powerful First Division quartet have had their moments in the League Cup. In the 1977 Final Everton made Aston Villa fight all the way before going down 2-3 in a second replay and, 12 months later, Liverpool took Nottingham Forest to two games before conceding their only Final.

These are the only two who have gone to a replay. Arsenal were runners-up in the successive years of 1968 and 1969 and Manchester United have appeared in three Semi-Finals, losing all of them.

The tournament has always been a favourable area for the

lesser lights to shine, although admittedly some were helped by the top clubs declining to enter in its early days. A full complement of 92 was not achieved until 1969-70 and it did not become compulsory to enter until two years later.

The first Third Division winners were Queens Park Rangers in 1967 who, inspired by a fine Rodney Marsh goal, came from two down to beat First Division West Bromwich Albion 3-2 in the year the Final switched from being a two-legged affair to being a regular Wembley fixture, the winners becoming entitled to a place in the European Fairs' Cup the following season, provided they came from the First Division.



Two years later Swindon also put one over on top drawer opponents, two goals in extra-time by Don Rogers crushing Arsenal 3-1 on a treacherous Wembley surface. Both Q.P.R. and Swindon had the added bonus of promotion to the Second Division in the same season as they won the League Cup.

The two Second Division victories came in Finals where no First Division club was involved, Norwich beating Rochdale from the Fourth in 1962 and Aston Villa scraping home against fellow-Second Divisioners, Norwich again, in 1975.

The other losing finalists from the lower Leagues were Second Division Rotherham, who took Aston Villa to extra-time in the first Final in 1961, and the fourth of four teams from the bottom two Leagues to get that far, Villa themselves, who fell to two Martin Chivers goals in the last ten minutes for Spurs in 1971.

In the absence of any success in



Rodney Marsh attempts a spectacular overhead kick in the first Wembley Final for Q.P.R. against West Bromwich Albion in 1967.

the League Championship or F.A. Cup, Birmingham, Leicester, Norwich, Q.P.R., Stoke and Swindon have used the League Cup to register their sole major honour and the competition has proved a happy hunting ground for Midlands clubs, ten victories having gone to that area against five wins for the South (four to London sides) and only three to the North, two to Manchester City. Norwich from East Anglia complete the list of 19 winners.

Triumphant

As in the F.A. Cup, Aston Villa are top winners, having been triumphant in three of their five Finals, while Nottingham Forest, the only team to retain the trophy, and Spurs have 100 per cent records. Chelsea, Leicester and Stoke 50 per cent success — each from two appearances.

Apart from Arsenal, Norwich and W.B.A. have lost more Finals than they have won and Manchester City are the only other club to have reached three Finals, suffering only one defeat.

Everton, Liverpool, Newcastle, Rochdale, Rotherham, Southampton and West Ham were all defeated in their only League Cup Final, whereas Birmingham, Leeds, Q.P.R., Swindon and Wolves won

in their solitary appearances.

The most remarkable managerial feat of the League Cup has been that of Ron Saunders, who took three different teams to Wembley in the three years from 1973 to 1975, winning with Aston Villa but losing with Norwich and Manchester City. Ron levelled his scores by leading Villa to another success in 1977.

Few League Cup Finalists have scaled very great heights. Of the 13 Wembley ties, five have ended in a rather dull 0-0 or 1-0. However, those of the last two seasons have had a touch of drama about them.

In 1978, helped by a magnificent display by Chris Woods, a young reserve goalkeeper yet to play in the Football League, weakened Forest held the might of Liverpool, then beat them in a replay.

Last season Southampton took the lead against the holders, were well overhauled, but pulled back to 2-3 with a good late goal by Holmes.

Total attendances for the Football League Cup have risen from approximately one million per season in the first half of the 1960's to around the two million mark in the 1970's.

After a difficult childhood the Football League Cup has indeed developed into a healthy young adult.

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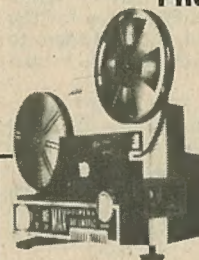
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WELCOME TO IBROX ... that's my message to our recent £210,000 record-breaking signing Ian Redford, from Dundee. I'm certain he is going to do a great job for the club and become a real bargain buy for manager John Greig.

After Ian's recent debut in the 3-1 Premier Division victory over Morton at Ibrox he asked me in the dressing-room if we always played at such a fast pace. He almost fainted when I told him we were only going at half-pace that afternoon!

Actually, Ian is learning what it means to be a Rangers player. Every club wants to beat us and that means every game becomes a Cup Final. Clubs run themselves into the ground to get a result against us and then ease up in another game and pay the price.

I'm not complaining because it certainly keeps you on your toes. However, it is something which Ian, Scotland's most expensive home-based player, will have to learn to live with.

There is never any let-up on a Rangers player and you are always in the public eye. Sometimes it is like living in a goldfish bowl, but I wouldn't have it any other way.

It was good to welcome Ian Redford to the club and everyone is confident he will become a key man. I

for Rangers and the player for whom Mr. Greig had had two previous bids rejected by the Dens Park team.

Spurs and then Leicester City, managed by a certain Jock Wallace, took a great deal of interest in Ian after Rangers' initial move, so it was good to pip these English clubs at the post.

I can tell you that Ian is delighted that he went to Rangers. He has already said he would have preferred a move to Ibrox rather than a transfer to England and that is surely good news for neutral soccer fans everywhere in this country who continually complain about the amount of top class material that is allowed to leave for the richer clubs South of the border.

And talking about top class material I surely don't have to draw



'REDFORD — our new goalden boy'

know the gaffer, Mr. Greig, was delighted with his performance against Morton.

"Some of the things he did were sheer class," was one of Mr. Greig's quotes and there wasn't anyone at Ibrox willing to argue with him.

The whole display against Morton was a happy one for us. We played some very good football, even if I do say so myself.

It would have been great if our new boy could have celebrated with a goal and he came close on a couple of occasions, but, alas, it just wasn't to be. However, I'm certain he will score plenty of goals for us.

His performance had to be applauded when you consider the fact that he met most of his new teammates literally hours before the kick-off on the Saturday afternoon!

Ian told me he was just getting ready for lunch on the previous Friday when he heard that Rangers had opened new negotiations for him. He was actually preparing to play for Dundee against Celtic at Parkhead.

He raced though to Ibrox, there were the usual discussions and he put pen to paper to become a Rangers player. Once Ian got the go-ahead there was no stopping him. It was definitely a case of third time lucky

everyone's attention to the performances of some of Rangers' own players in recent weeks, do I?

We've come in for stick this season — and I've always maintained that the fans deserve to have their say — but it's good to see young players such as John MacDonald and Robert Russell continue to work at their game and turn in some outstanding displays.

Marvellous

I thought both were marvellous against Morton. Mr. Greig played an attacking formation with Russell, Redford and Gordon Smith in midfield and Davie Cooper, myself and MacDonald as the front three.

It really worked well and, like I said before, there was a lot of nice moves and some good inter-passing. Once a better understanding develops we'll really knock it off.

I must say here that I thought Russell and MacDonald scored wonderful goals in that game. Russell's was a magnificent left-foot chip-shot from 20 yards that floated in at the corner and Mr. Greig told me afterwards that he rated that one far better than Kevin Keegan's recent effort against Eire at Wembley. That's saying something!

MacDonald's effort was a well-worked move with everyone playing his part and he finished the job with fine precision. Jimmy Greaves at his best would have been envious!

Away from League football Rangers went on a recent trip to the Middle East to play teams in Dubai and Kuwait. I came across a couple of interesting people on that swift tour and I'll be telling you all about them in a fortnight's time.

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

NOBBY

YOU'RE OFF TO PLAY
ABROAD I SEE



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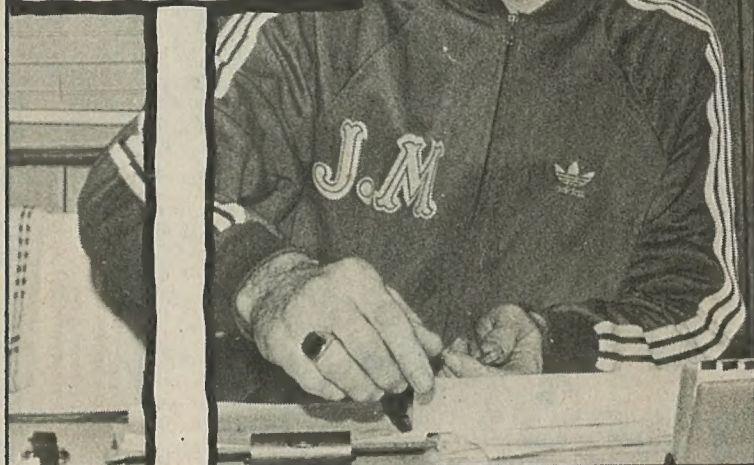
WE'LL HAVE A GOOD
TRIP!



I'LL DO THAT ALL RIGHT, THEY'RE NOT
A BIT PARTICULAR WHERE
WE'RE PLAYING!



FOR SALE PORT VALE'S FIRST TEAM



PORT VALE are currently near the foot of the Fourth Division but in recent weeks an air of optimism has crept into the Vale Park ground.

The man who has stopped their supporters talking of re-election and yearning for glory days long since passed, is former Bury, Newcastle and Southampton stalwart John McGrath (above).

McGrath joined Vale from Southampton where he was youth team coach to Lawrie McMenemy and says: "I wanted the managership of Port Vale because there are only two jobs in football.

"Number one is playing and the second is being a manager, because then you can create your own system, your own players, your own people. So that is really as good as playing."

McGrath brought with him as his assistant John Rudge from Torquay and together the two aim not only to get Port Vale on a promotion footing for next season, but in the long term, to achieve First Division status.

"Being a manager these days is hard work, but it's well worth it at the end of the day when you achieve success. I enjoy a challenge and this is a big one.

"In the past it has been the dream of this club and its supporters to get into the Second Division. I've told my players they're not ambitious enough. They have to aim for the top."

On the day John McGrath put 15 of his first team squad up for offer he gave the reasons.

'Figures'

"The present staff aren't really promotion potential ... yet! The facts and figures tell you that. In the last two and a half years Port Vale have played 121 games and they've won only 29 of those.

"You can draw your own conclusions from that. But in my short spell here, I have changed a lot of things.

"John Rudge and I have given them a system to play to, we all know we have a job to do at this club and we're going to work at it. I had a meeting with the players after the defeat at Northampton, threw the sword of challenge down so to speak and to their credit, the players took it up. From now on they all play for a place."

There is little doubt that a wave of confidence has swept through the club since the arrival of the ex-Southampton centre-half and the key factors in the revival are hard work and organisation. McGrath is behind his desk at eight every morning and told SHOOT that he was finishing early ... at 8 o'clock in the evening.

"I'm implementing a youth policy and my plans for that are big. Young lads coming to Port Vale now can be assured of a good club, good coaching and be certain that John Rudge and I will look after them the right way.

"At the end of the day apprentices will end up as good professional footballers. Before I came here, they were wandering around like lost souls. Those days are over."

Perhaps over for good, for as McGrath says: "We're short on money, but hard work costs nothing.

"The people of the Potteries are dying for success and on the day this ground is full, perhaps just for one Cup-tie, I've promised myself I'll go to the top of the terracing, survey the scene and say, 'I've got you, we're going places'."

PUZZLE TIME

TRACE A TEAM

Start at the top, left-hand corner and, moving on to adjacent horizontal or vertical squares, spell out the names of seven English First Division teams. As a guide, STOKES is indicated for you

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PUT 'EM BACK

There are no clues to this crossword puzzle, only the answers, listed here for you in alphabetical order. And you are given a one word start as an encouragement.

ACE, BAN, BLACKBURN, BOOTLACES, CUB, IDEA, KICK, LOSE, NEWCASTLE, NOW, ONE, SEMI, SENSITIVE, SIT, SKI, URN.

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SIDE IN THE CENTRE

Insert the name of a famous football club in the middle row, so that you make words reading downwards in each column.

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(Answers on page 38).

VENNERS'

VERDICT



NOTHING has given me greater pleasure than to read that George Best has returned to Hibernian in an effort to rescue his career.

The whole shame of Best's last few years is that he seems to have squandered his remarkable talents — and what superb skills they were.

George Best was a football genius in the days he wore a Manchester United shirt. He was to United and Northern Ireland what Bjorn Borg is to tennis; Viv Richards to cricket; Jack Nicklaus

'Ball can bounce Blackpool back'

to golf; Muhammad Ali to boxing; Jackie Stewart to motor racing; and Lester Piggott to horse racing.

They are all possessed with one common trait — genius. The sports world is always the poorer for their passing. But what memories they leave.

Bill Shankly, Liverpool's mastermind for many seasons, once suggested that sportsmen blessed with supremely rare pedigrees should be shot when their brilliance begins to fade. That they should be remembered for the performances they gave, not in the twilight of their careers, when reflexes were slower and eyesight impaired, but when their unique talents are in full blossom.

I'm not sure I go as far as Shanks on that theory. I prefer to think that George Best still has plenty to offer the game. It would be a terrible waste to blow it.

Football supporters rarely appreciate the gut-wrenching decision players face when the moment arrives for them to recognise that they are at the end of their careers.

Some players cannot cope with the situation. There is an ex-Liverpool player who is wandering the streets of that town with few belongings and not much hope of true happiness.

Fleetwood-Smith, a former Australian Test cricketer, became a tramp, and there are many other cases of ex-players succumbing to the temptation of turning to the bottle when crowds are no longer cheering them.

Fortunately, there are many others who find a new niche in the game once their playing days are over. I was one, lucky to join Crystal Palace and delighted to succeed Malcolm Allison as manager. I still taste the big match atmosphere on a Saturday and have much the same involvement and commitment I enjoyed in my career with Chelsea, Tottenham and Queens Park Rangers.

It is often argued, quite responsibly in my opinion, that the most difficult job a football manager, trainer, coach or scout has to face

is that of having to tell a youngster whose ambitions are set on prolonged participation that he's not good enough. For every one who makes the grade, dozens fall by the wayside. Most of them are good footballers and were quite right in seeking to make careers in the game, but only the most gifted stay the course.

It is surely enough for me to say that had I, as a teenager, been given that kind of news I would have been heart-broken.

The job of telling a youngster he is not good enough leaves a sour

taste in my mouth. So, too, does the task of informing a long-serving professional that he is not required for the following season and that it might be best if he retired.

It pleases me no-end if a distinguished ex-pro can carry on in the game by becoming a coach or turning to management. So, if George Best's latest crisis disturbs me, news that Alan Ball is becoming player-manager at Blackpool in the sunset of a glorious career for Blackpool, Everton, Arsenal, Southampton and England is a filip for him and the famous North-West club.

Delighted

If anyone can restore the Bloomfield Road club to its lofty position in the Football League hierarchy it is Ball. Blackpool's fans have gone without success for too long. It is no good to anyone when the pubs and cafes in the town buzz to the chatter of football fans talking about players who delighted the terraces 30 years ago.

But that's what happened in Blackpool. Stan Matthews, Stan Mortensen, and Ernie Taylor still play for The Seaside, if the old faithful are to be believed. It's right that the club's golden age should not be forgotten — but Alan Ball will want to create new heroes, achieve new peaks, and rejuvenate the place.

Good luck to Alan Ball. He has given every side he has played for blood, sweat and tears.

He is an infectious character and should make a good manager.

Ball has his priorities right. He is in love with the game — always has been. Players respond to that sort of enthusiasm.

Let us all hope that George Best has the same luck. Hopefully he's gone through the worst and will have the same courage as Jimmy Greaves.

How marvellous it would be if George Best could conquer his problem and become Today's Hero — not Yesterday's.



FOREST v WOLVES

BATTLE OF



Forest once again overcame Liverpool in the League Cup with a professional performance at Anfield. On this occasion Kenny Dalglish is stopped by Ian Bowyer.



Right: Peter Shilton collects from Terry McDermott as John McGovern covers.



Brian Clough and Peter Taylor hide their emotions as their players leave the Anfield pitch.

THE MIDLAND GIANTS

WEMBLEY is set for what promises to be one of the most exciting League Cup Finals ever. Here's action from the Semi-Finals when Forest and Wolves won through dramatically.

Wolves were 2-1 down to Swindon after the first-leg, but showed their class and experience by winning 3-1 at Molineux. Here John Richards goes close.



Peter Daniel, Andy Gray and Mel Eves celebrate their victory with a bottle of champagne.



Below: Cheers! Manager John Barnwell and his assistant Richie Barker are understandably happy.



RANGERS are the only Premier Division club to give a blank refusal to allow any of their players to be selected for the Scottish League internationals in Dublin and Belfast on March 17th and 18th.

Celtic, of course, will not be involved because of their European Cup second-leg against Real Madrid but eight of the other clubs have given the go-ahead and most of the players are keen to take part.

IT'S JOHNSON

THE word on the soccer grapevine is that David Johnson is in line to collect the P.F.A.'s Player of the Year award this Sunday. My nomination would be Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle.

CHELSEA'S latest signing Dennis Rofe believes his new team can help him achieve his main aim in football — to play in the First Division.

Rofe, who joined the West Londoners from promotion rivals Leicester City for £80,000 said: "Promotion is my main aim and that of Chelsea.

"I would not have signed for Chelsea if I did not think they could go up. I want to play First Division football and feel this ambitious club can do it."

A former Under-23 international, Rofe, 28, started his career at Orient before joining Leicester in 1972.

NEWS

Compiled by
BILL DAY



DESK

WILLIAM Ralph "Dixie" Dean, whose record 60 goals in a season for Everton has stood since 1928, and Alan Hardaker, director general of the Football League have died. Both were giants in a game the poorer for their passing.

Smarten-up Derby

DERBY County's players have been instructed to smarten-up in the club's struggle to avoid relegation from the First Division.

Manager Colin Addison wants his team to tuck their shirts inside their shorts and roll up their socks.

"We had four or five of them playing with their shirts flapping and socks down at Middlesbrough. It was a cold, wet and miserable day and we looked like a pub team, with all respect to pub teams.

"Alan Biley (right) likes playing with his shirt outside his shorts, but we don't want others copying him. Smart looking teams tend to play smart football. Disciplined sides tend to play disciplined football. There's nothing worse than watching scruffy players, so I have asked the lads to try to look smart at all times."

Derby have also called in a psychic medium to rid their ground of an evil spirit.

The medium, Audrey Lamb, went to the ground before their game with Spurs. She claimed that a man was murdered there over a century ago, and his spirit was trapped. Mrs Lamb buried a piece of silver in the pitch. Then she let out a string of piercing screams



designed to send the spirit packing.

Derby won the game 2-1. Last word from Mrs Lamb: "They won't go down this season."

Many, many Happy...

TWO Aston Villa players must have the biggest birthday-present list in football. Brendan Ormsby, captain of last season's England Youth team, is the youngest of a family of 13 children (nine brothers and four sisters).

Eamon Deacy, a full-back signed from Galway Rovers last March is the youngest of ten children (nine brothers and one sister).

JUST how highly Aston Villa rate their player manager Ron Saunders is indicated by the fact that they have awarded him a testimonial game at the end of the season.

The game is to be played against Birmingham City and in view of the current form of both teams a bumper gate is expected at Villa Park when Saunders could collect over £30,000.

Harry Kartz, Aston Villa's Chairman, said: "There is no one in football who is more deserving of this reward."

BIG-SPENDING Manchester City may be ready to move into the Scottish market with a bid for the highly-rated young goalkeeper of Albion Rovers, John Balavage. Both Celtic and Rangers are reported to be watching the progress of the six feet-plus Balavage whose manager Sam Goodwin says: "The boy is a natural goalkeeper with hands the size of shovels!" It will take over £100,000, though, to entice Rovers into parting with the youngster.

CELTIC'S Icelandic star Johannes Edvaldsson will be leaving the club at end of the season. The Parkhead side have agreed a £50,000 transfer fee with North American Soccer League side Tulsa Roughnecks.

Two other players who want to go to the States are Aberdeen's Mark McGhee and Ian Scanlon. Pittodrie manager Alex Ferguson is likely to listen to offers for them at the end of the season.

ONE HUNDRED League clubs in the Scottish and Football Leagues have received grants from the Football Grounds Improvement Trust for approved safety expenditure. Twenty-five of these clubs play in the Scottish League, with the largest grants being awarded as follows:

St Mirren	£151,270
Partick Thistle	£61,856
Aberdeen	£49,398
Queen's Park	£36,595
Kilmarnock	£32,606
Rangers	£31,163
Ayr United	£30,643
Clydebank	£27,674

The Football Grounds Improvement Trust was set up by the Pool Promoters in 1975 to help clubs comply with the Safety of Sports Grounds Act.

FOSTER rivals WATSON

STEVE Foster is the best young centre-half in England, maintains Brighton boss Alan Mullery, who rates Foster so highly he has offered him a contract that will tie him to the club for the rest of his career.

Foster has made such remarkable progress in his first season in the big time that Mullery is staggered he has not been called up for England Under-21 honours.

"He is far and away the best young central defender in the country," claims Mullery.

"He has settled down in the First Division so well I would put only Dave Watson — current holder of the England number five shirt — ahead of him."



Bobby Moore's Soccer Schools

FORMER ENGLAND captain Bobby Moore has launched an exciting soccer coaching scheme that will benefit youngsters between the ages of nine and 15.

Bobby's Soccer Schools, backed by Coral Sports and Leisure Group, kick-off with two four-day non-residential courses during the Easter holidays. But the main programme opens in July in Brighton, Bristol, Liverpool and London.

Says Bobby: "At present professional coaching is available to comparatively few lads who have shown natural ability.

"There are thousands more who, although they may never make the grade, receive only basic tuition from hard-pressed teachers.

"Soccer Schools have been run-

ning for some time in the United States, yet Britain, who gave the game to the world, is only now able to offer this facility to the young soccer fan.

"These courses are not intended for lads who have a natural ability or receive professional coaching at the moment.

"They are aimed at the youngsters who may never progress beyond the minor Leagues but are enthusiastic about the game."

Among the top soccer personalities who will be helping Bobby are Bill Shankly, Joe Mercer, Ian St. John, Pat Crerand, Mike Summerbee, Phil Beal, Ron Springett, Terry Paine, Frank McLintock and Malcolm MacDonald.

Subbuteo Championships

EXCITEMENT for table soccer fans next week (15th March) when the Subbuteo Championships kick-off with the Northern Region games at Crossgates Wonderland in Leeds.

Favourite for the title is Darren Wise, the English qualifier for the 1978 World Cup.

The South of England Championship will be held at Trent's Sports Store in Reading a week later.

Another date to look out for... the European Championship which coincide with the 'real thing' in Rome from 18th-20th June.

RANGERS are interested in Dumbarton's defender Donald McNeill, considered an ideal replacement for veteran centre-back Colin Jackson.

£10,000 SHOOT-OUT

THE Second Division's two leading scorers have a good chance of earning the £10,000 prize for 30 League goals, on offer from a national newspaper.

But who will get there first — QPR's teenage hotshot Clive Allen or Luton's deadly winger David Moss?

The prize goes to the first player from Division One or Two to reach the magic 30. Last man to do it was Everton's Bob Latchford two years ago.

With 13 games to go Moss and Allen were level pegging with 21 League goals apiece.

Luton boss David Pleat gives Moss a chance: "He must have an excellent opportunity the way he is playing — and don't forget he takes all the team's penalties too."

Nearest challenger looks like being Southampton's Phil Boyer.

The best BEST

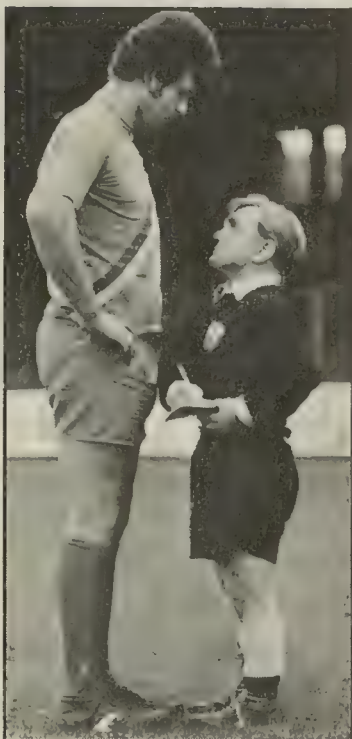


MANCHESTER United were trailing Burnley by a goal with ten minutes of the match remaining.

Then George Best took over. He took off his left boot, crossed the ball with his stockinged foot and Denis Law scored.

A minute later, Best, boot in his hand, spurted down the wing, crossed the ball and Pat Crerand drove a 20-yarder past Burnley's goalkeeper Adam Blacklaw.

That's the George Best I want to remember.



LARGE and Little

JOEY Shackleford, the League's smallest referee at 4ft 10in, never shrinks from his task of booking even the largest players. Here he has words with 6ft 9in striker Clive Goddard in a 'friendly' at Reading.

RICHIE Blackmore has broken the League of Ireland record by keeping 17 clean sheets. The Dundalk 'keeper has 17 'shut-outs' after completion of 23 League games this season.

LYONS WARNS SAINTS

EVERTON skipper Mike Lyons reckons Southampton could be wrong if they use the Kevin Keegan transfer as a push for a new stadium.

Says Lyons: "They haven't got one of the best home records for nothing. The Dell pitch is tight and the crowd is right on top of you — so it always seems as if you're playing at 100mph."

"It's hard to adjust to playing at a cramped place like Southampton."

Hunter should have stayed

BRISTOL City manager Alan Dicks is convinced the club's First Division slide is due to the transfer of former Leeds United defender Norman Hunter.

"When Norman first came here," explained Dicks, "I promised him he could return North after a certain time. I kept that part of the bargain."

"I tried everything to keep him at Ashton Gate. He may have been 36 but I felt he still had at least another season in the First Division in him."

"At first I tried to sign replacements but when nothing came along, I didn't push and that delay was my first mistake."

Dicks, the First Division's longest-serving manager, faces an uphill climb if he is to guide Bristol City away from the relegation zone. And how he must regret letting the fighting qualities of Norman Hunter go to Third Division Barnsley.

MILLS FIVER

WHEN the England squad meets up for the British Championship in May, it looks like Mick Mills will be collecting £5 from his left-back rival Kenny Sansom. The Ipswich skipper bet Sansom 50p at 10-1 that Crystal Palace wouldn't finish in the top six. This was after Ipswich had been whacked 4-1 by the then high-flying Eagles at Selhurst Park last September.

Since that sunny afternoon, Ipswich have improved dramatically while Palace have found that life in Division One is far from easy.

BRIEFLY...

IPSWICH are interested in Dumbarton's 17-year-old striker Graeme Sharp. Manager Davy Wilson says: "We are in no rush to sell him. He is doing a great job for the club."

GEORGE Wright, who has been physiotherapist at West Bromwich Albion for nine years, is leaving to take up an appointment with Vancouver Whitecaps.

He said: "The game is growing rapidly in North America and I want to go out there and take part in some of the action."

GARY O'Reilly, 18-year-old defender at Tottenham, has had the distinction of playing for England schoolboys and Eire Youth.

The youngster, who was once a schoolboy player with Tottenham's great rivals, Arsenal, was the captain of the England boys team and won honours with Eire for the first time last season. His grandfather, in fact, kept goal for Eire team Bohemians.

LINFIELD's Colin McCurdy's headed goal in the Belfast Blues' 2-1 away League win over Glenavon, was the striker's 25th goal this season, one better than his previous best, at Larne, three seasons ago.

TOTTENHAM goalkeeper Barry Daines and his wife, Glenda, are one of the best "do-it-yourself" teams in the country. They are enthusiastic wine-makers at their home in North Weald Bassett, and Barry's carpentry would stand the test of examination from expert eyes.

THE plaudits poured in after Norwich's classic 3-5 defeat against Liverpool. When Norwich boss John Bond went to Coventry for the England v Scotland Under-21 game both Ted Croker, the F.A. Secretary, and Matt Busby paid him their compliments. Busby said it was the best match he had seen on television for years.

New Lives for Old Stars



MICK JONES

MICK Jones, the Leeds and England star, shrugging off the pain of a dislocated elbow to collect his F.A. Cup winners medal at Wembley in 1972, is a sight millions will remember for a long while.

He was a hero for Leeds on that day when they beat Arsenal 1-0. He was always a favourite in an England shirt and it took £100,000 to prise him from his previous club, Sheffield United.

At Sheffield he had a great partnership with Alan Birchenall. At Leeds the Allan Clarke-Mick Jones strike force was one of the best in the game. He played 149 League games for Sheffield United and 219 times for Leeds. In his too short career he rattled in 139 goals, but his selfless work as the target man, taking pressure off those around him, was the asset that set him apart from so many others.

Injuries

In 1973 he was again at Wembley, receiving an F.A. Cup runners-up medal... beaten 1-0 by Sunderland. At the end of '74 he broke down with injuries and had to prematurely retire from the game in 1975 at the age of 29 through wear and tear on his knee joints.

Now, after working for four years in the North as a representative in the sports trade, Mick has his own shop — 'Mick Jones Sports' in Maltby High Street, near Sheffield.

He is a business man these days and rarely gets a chance to watch football apart from on TV or the occasional evening match in Sheffield. He cherishes the F.A. Cup medals but, from a professional point of view, regards his League medals more important.

"Collecting a Cup medal is a marvellous climax to the season but winning the League (twice) is much harder. There's a lot of glory associated with reaching Wembley but the League title is more rewarding," he says.



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BACK BONE

THE players watched their former colleague on the Saturday lunchtime soccer preview programme and they were amazed. "That can't be Jimmy Bone," they said. "He never did things like that when he played for us!"

Jimmy Bone was indeed the focus of their attention, but that was seven years ago when he was playing for Norwich City. The ex-team-mates mesmerised by his exploits for his new club were Partick Thistle players.

It seemed that Bone was destined for great things. Tommy Docherty, the former Scotland team boss, had earmarked him for international recognition and Norwich were heading for the English League Cup Final.

But just when it seemed that Jim Bone was heading for the top, his career took a nosedive. It has taken until this season — and three clubs later — to settle down.

'Failing'

"One of the biggest disappointments of my career was failing to make it with Celtic," said Bone, "but that's well in the past now. I'm enjoying myself with St. Mirren and I was delighted this season to be told by manager Jim Clunie that he was making me captain."

"I don't mind accepting responsibility, in fact, I suppose you could say I thrive on it. There are so many good players here at Love Street that it is a pleasure to play alongside them."

"A lot of nice things have been written about me this season, but I'm not interested in personal glory. It's a real team game with St. Mirren. There are no one-man bands. We all run and play for each other and that's why recent results have been encouraging."

But let's go back to the beginning of Bone's career that has risen, dipped and risen again like a rollercoaster.

"I'll never forget the day Partick Thistle beat Celtic 4-1 in the League Cup Final," says Bone, who

scored the fourth goal in that astounding victory. "People started to take notice of the team after that. It wasn't long before the scouts were around."

Norwich must have liked what they saw of the bustling, courageous striker for they paid out £50,000 for his services to take him across the border.

Shortly afterwards Docherty gave him his first cap in a World Cup qualifying tie against Denmark in Copenhagen and Bone repaid that confidence by ramming in a goal as the Scots sauntered to a 4-1 victory.

He missed the League Cup Final against Spurs because Norwich sold him to Sheffield United before the Wembley occasion. He scored five goals in eight games at the end of the season for the Bramall Lane club, but, as Bone says:

"Then we got a new manager, he didn't fancy my style and I knew I would soon be packing my bags."

The next move was a complete shock for Bone. "I received news that Jock Stein was interested in bringing me to Celtic. I jumped at the chance. I didn't need to be asked twice, I can tell you!"

Bone's brief stay at Parkhead was far from successful. He scored only one goal.

Nothing seemed to be going right for Bone, but he managed to strive his way back to the top when he was sold to Arbroath, determined to prove to everyone that he wasn't finished.

Bone readily admits that his stay at Gayfield was one of the happiest in his career. "There is such a friendly atmosphere up there," he says. "Everything was relaxed and the pressure was off me. My game had to benefit."

And it did to such an extent that St. Mirren's former manager Alex Ferguson, now the Aberdeen boss, swooped in a bargain £30,000 deal to sign the ex-international leader.

Now Bone is playing behind strikers Frank McDougall and Doug Somner. You will have to search far and wide to find a player in the Premier Division who is playing with more consistency.

CORMACK'S RETURN



THE old bounce and spring is back in the jaunty step of former Scottish international star Peter Cormack.

"I'm back with the club I have always loved," says the 33-year-old midfielder who was recently snapped up by his ex-club Hibs after receiving a shock free transfer from Bristol City.

"I had other offers, but once I realised Hibs were going to come in for me it was no contest. It's just marvellous to return to this club."

"This manager, Eddie Turnbull, is one of the best in the business. You know, he was a coach at Easter Road when I first went along as a 14-year-old."

"He took me under his wing then taught me all I know. Now I am looking forward to playing for him in the first team."

Turnbull left Cormack in no doubt that he expects a lot from him. Shortly after signing him, the Hibs boss told the former Liverpool and Forest star: "Your first job here is to get us off the foot of the Premier Division!"

Experience

And Cormack fully understood the situation. He knew Turnbull was not joking. Hibs are looking for experience and they see Cormack as being the ideal man to provide that.

And the prospect of Cormack coupling his undoubted skills with those of George Best, back at Easter Road after his sensational bust-up with the club, has the Hibs fans looking to the future with a renewed optimism.

Cormack, who left Hibs for Nottingham Forest in an £80,000 deal almost ten years ago, will not be allowed just to pass his remaining years in the game and take it easy at Easter Road. Not that he would want that, anyway.

He has accepted a huge challenge and the player who won two U.E.F.A. Cup medals and an English Cup winners souvenir with Liverpool will have to forget past glories and look to the future.

Cormack had the opportunity to join his former Anfield team-mate John Toshack, the player-manager of Swansea City, in the English Second Division, Dundee United or Morton in the Premier Division or First Division Clyde, but he chose to go back to Easter Road and meet a crisis face-to-face.

"This team is far too good to be anchored at the bottom of a Division," says Cormack. "There are some marvellous players here. I don't know how they got into this position in the first place, but everything will be done to make sure we climb away from danger."

Whether Hibs manage to escape the axe is very doubtful, but they must be applauded for their ambitious move for Cormack, who is as fit and lean-looking now as he was during his first spell with the club.

Cormack is genuinely happy to be back in Edinburgh although he might have preferred circumstances to be a bit different.

"I wasn't doing much in the Bristol City reserve team," says the intelligent midfielder. "I'm far from finished and I want to prove that with Hibs. I know I can still provide the goods."

Cormack remembers better days at Easter Road, when Hibs were a power in British football and when they were a club to strike fear into the hearts of any opponent.

He played alongside Pat Stanton, Peter Marinello, Alex Cropley, Alan Gordon, Colin Stein and others when Hibs challenged Celtic for the title of brightest team in Scotland.

In those days they were a refreshing, attack-minded team launching into powerful assaults throughout the 90 minutes, but those days have been replaced by mediocrity this season.

It's true Hibs have not been blessed with the greatest of luck this season, but they are still determined to win back the glory that was once theirs.

They see Peter Cormack as the ideal player to take them back into the limelight they once cherished.

WALSALL have parted company with 17 managers since World War Two — the fastest hire and fire rate in the Football League. Alan Buckley, currently in charge at the club, cheerfully admits that he might well be the 18th ... but for different reasons than most of his predecessors.

At 28, he is the youngest boss in the League and still aims to go on playing for a long time yet. "Being manager is certainly affecting my game. If I find that my form is being drastically damaged, I'll step down," he states.

The fast-striking Buckley, with 125 League goals for Walsall before the start of this season, is looking for another 20 this time. If he hits his personal target, it will be a major contribution towards restoring Walsall back to the Third Division place they surrendered last May.

That was the point at which Buckley returned, nine months after joining Birmingham City. Buckley's future was then in the melting pot and it took an initiative from Walsall chairman Ken Wheldon to bring him back to Fallow Park.

"I might have moved to another First Division club; I could certainly have joined one or two in the Second ... but Walsall runs in the blood. They were the only Third or Fourth Division club I would have joined.

"I walked straight into an atmosphere that you wouldn't find anywhere else but in a morgue.

BUCKLEY HAS THE LEAGUE'S HOTTEST HOT-SEAT!



"The lads had just been relegated and the morale within the club was at an all-time low. My first step was to ask Bert Johnson to become my number two and then we set about rebuilding the spirit."

Buckley knew Johnson, a member of Charlton's F.A. Cup winning side in 1947, from his spell at Forest. Then Johnson took up scouting for Derby and Southampton while Buckley went his own way with Walsall. From the moment they teamed up again, Walsall were transformed.

"Bert has done a terrific job. That's why I know that I could safely stand down from the manager's post if my form demanded a total concentration on playing.

Between us, we had every player bubbling again by the end of the first week.

"We got rid of five players and bought none. If we had told the people of Walsall that we would have a side challenging for promotion without signing one player,

they would have laughed at us.

"Mind you, I'm a bit surprised myself! It's all down to the players. They've done the job with just some help along the way by Bert and myself."

A player typical of the Buckley-Johnson transformation is leading scorer Don Penn. This 19-year-old former amateur looks like gaining a place in Walsall history by outscoring the prolific Buckley. "I don't think anyone has done it to me before but this lad is going to top 30 by the end of the season," forecasts Buckley.

'Powerful'

"Whatever you look for in a front player, you can find in Don. A strong shot in either foot, a powerful header and a clever change of pace.

"Manchester City have already offered £400,000 for the lad, but we rate him so highly we decided to turn them down."

Now Buckley has to prove that Walsall can prosper sandwiched between Wolves and West Bromwich Albion as well as being flanked by Aston Villa and Birmingham. "If our football is good enough, people here will come to see what we've got to offer. So far attendances have doubled so they must like what we give them."

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Wales' next 'keeper

YOU don't often find youngsters with bright international futures down at the wrong end of the Second Division. But that's where Martin Thomas, the 20-year-old Bristol Rovers 'keeper, is sharpening his skills.

Many experts are tipping him as the logical successor to Dai Davies in the Welsh jersey. Dai won his first cap back in 1975. He has faced friendly competition for his place before but now Martin has joined him in the full squad, the pressure is really on.

But Martin's thoughts aren't all on international football. His biggest job, right now, is to keep Rovers in Division Two.

"There was a lot of uncertainty when Bobby Campbell left. We kept reading different names in the paper, but none of the players knew who the new manager was going to be. Of course, it affected all of us. So, we were very happy when Harry Jarman got the job.

"He'd been youth team coach at Rovers for two years, so we knew him well. He's a player's manager. If you've got a problem, you can sit down and talk it over with him. He can be strict when he has to be, but there are plenty of jokes, most of the time.

'Atmosphere'

"Our team spirit is much better now. We have taken quite a few points from our first few games under Harry and are starting to move up the table. We've got a fight on our hands, but the atmosphere is sky high. I think we can stay up."

Jarman played for Rovers from 1959-1973. He is also an ex-Gloucestershire cricketer. He comes across as a very modest man, but at heart, he has a burning ambition to see Bristol thriving again.

"This city should have two successful football teams," he said. "Our ground is in the perfect position, right next to the motorway. People could easily drive to our games, from miles around. It's up to us to give them the kind of football they want to see."

Jarman will be looking to build

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up the strength of his Rovers squad, but he will have to fight to keep his best players, too. There has been a lot of newspaper talk of big clubs showing an interest in Martin Thomas this season.

"I've seen those reports, too," said Martin, "but you can't believe everything you read in the papers. I think there's a fair amount of guess work there, to be honest."

Even so, Martin is a natural target for other clubs. In an unhappy season for Rovers, he has shown fine form.

"We've been under pressure at the back. That could destroy your confidence, but keeping busy has probably helped my game. Mind you, I'd rather see us up the other end of the field attacking!"

Outstanding

The 'keepers of struggling sides are often outstanding. They get more practice than most. And Martin's form has been rewarded with that place in the Welsh squad. If Rovers do go down this season, they will find it difficult to keep their talented youngster. The Third Division isn't the ideal place to build an international reputation.

"If, by any chance, we are relegated, I'd have to review the situation at the end of the season," Martin admitted. "At the moment, I'm quite happy. I'll do everything I can to help Rovers avoid the drop."

After the hard times, everyone at Eastville is hoping for a bright, new tomorrow.

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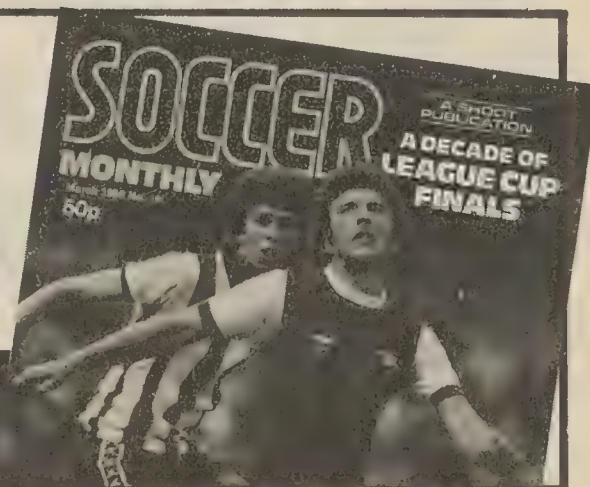
Thomas catches confidently under pressure to thwart a Chelsea raid on the Rovers' goal.

Martin Thomas, tipped by many experts to succeed Dai Davies in the Welsh goal.



Mick Robinson

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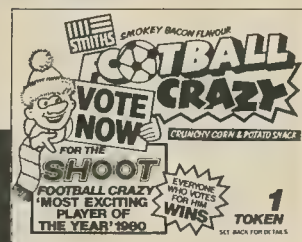
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At the end of last season, John's record showed 49 goals in just 91 League games for Aldershot. His 34 League and Cup goals last season alone ranked him as the country's number two marksman.

This season, by his own admission, he's not likely to get anywhere near that total. Yet right now he couldn't be happier. And the reason? His move to Second Division Shrewsbury Town last October meant that at last he had the chance to sample the higher grade of football his goalscoring talents so richly deserve.

"When I arrived here, the club hadn't got off to a very good start in their first season in Division Two, and were hovering dangerously close to the relegation zone," John said.

"We're by no means out of the wood yet. But I'm confident it won't be long before we start to pull clear.

"No one will be trying harder than me, I can assure you of that.

"I'm 24 now, and since I made my debut for Huddersfield at the age of 17, I've been farmed out on loan twice ... and twice found myself on free transfers. So now I've got the chance to make my mark in good company, I'm going to grab it.

"Having said that, I'm well aware that I've got to take my share of the blame for our indifferent results. Our player/manager, Graham Turner, obviously bought me for my goals. But so far I haven't really delivered the goods.

"I was lucky enough to get on the scoresheet on my debut at home to Swansea at the beginning of November, but since then the gods seem to have deserted me.

"I'm not getting too worried, though, because I feel I'm making my contribution to the team in other ways.

"I've had to change my style of play since I've been here. At Aldershot we operated with two wingers, who stretched defences and provided me with plenty of goal-scoring opportunities.

"Here, I'm used more as a target man, with our midfield providing most of the ammunition. But the signs are that things are beginning to click now, and I'm starting to hit the goal-trail again."

While John was obviously

DUNGWORTH'S GOAL FAMINE



delighted with his move to Shrewsbury, he was less than happy with the circumstances surrounding the transfer.

"I'll always be grateful to Aldershot for what they did for me," he insisted.

"They took me on a 'free', and gave me the chance to show what I could do. But when my contract was up last July, I decided it was the right time to make a move.

"I felt I'd more than repaid them with my goals, and I hoped they'd show they felt the same, by putting a realistic price on my head. Unfortunately, with the transfer market going mad at the time, the figure of £200,000 was bandied about. I considered that unrealistic."

"I never heard a thing after that, until I read in the Press that Shrewsbury had made a bid of £60,000, which had been turned down," said John. "That really annoyed me because, as I understood it, Aldershot were supposed to inform me of any interest.

"Anyway, Shrewsbury persisted, and the Aldershot board finally agreed to let me go, with the decision on the fee resting with the newly-formed Independent Transfer Tribunal.

"Our boss Graham Turner is a young, go-ahead manager, who's destined for the top, I'm sure. He really impressed me when I first met him, and I feel it's only a matter of time before he establishes this club as genuine Second Division material."

The miner who's taken goals to NEWCASTLE

ALAN Shoulder, the goal-scoring ex-coalminer signed by Newcastle United from non-League Blyth Spartans for a bargain basement fee of £10,000 over a year ago, made a forecast last August that 1979-80 would be his season of decision.

And Alan had a sound reason for his prediction — he reckoned that although he had got off to a promising start at St. James' Park, it would take another season to prove that he wasn't a mere flash in the pan.

Shoulder said: "To be really successful, a player has to be consistent for more than a few months if he wishes to carve out a regular place for himself in the side. So I told myself that I would only know if I had 'arrived' if I could maintain my form."

Incredible enough, however, is that although Shoulder is Newcastle's leading scorer, he still hasn't convinced himself that he is an automatic choice in the side.

"What I have realised is that you are only as good as your last game. Take Gary Rowell of Sunderland as an example — last season he was leading scorer, was injured and missed the last few matches, and ever since then has been struggling to find his old form.

"If it could happen to Gary, it could happen to anybody, which is why I will never become complacent, no matter how well I am playing."

Shoulder, always a realist, confesses that he has been struggling to reproduce the form which made

him an instant favourite when he came up out of the pits to turn out for Newcastle.

"I know I've been getting the goals, yet I haven't been playing well. Early in the season I was trying to get rid of the ball as soon as I got it. We go in for quite a bit of one or two-touch football at St. James' and I was trying too hard to do the easy thing.

"Then Bill McGarry pointed out to me that my real strength lies in taking on opponents and using my natural sharpness to create openings. He told me to start doing my own thing again and that's what I've been working on.

"But I'm not worrying about it, though it might be different if I were playing really badly and the side was at the bottom end of the table. I'm not easily upset."

Penalties

It has been the emergence of Shoulder as a goalscorer that has brought home to him one of the penalties of success. In 1979-80, Alan has become something of a marked man.

He says: "Last season I was an unknown quantity, and I realised that this was no longer the case in the opening matches of this season. I came in for some close attention and I've come in for more than my share of knocks.

"But I'm not complaining, even if one or two of the knocks have been something more deliberate than close marking. I accept that a front-runner has to put up with receiving special attention — it means I'm doing the job United expect of me.

"This season we have shown an ability to come back that we lacked a year ago, and we are definitely moving in the right direction — towards the First Division."



Alan Shoulder has attracted special attention from Newcastle this season.

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'Pool's worst-ever Roy Dwight

I'm told that Birmingham once scored ten goals against Liverpool. Is that right?

ROBERT JOHNSON,
WEST MIDLANDS

● Not quite, Robert, but they did beat them 9-1 in a Division Two game on 11th December, 1954.

That's the mighty Reds' worst-ever whacking — and, since the coming of the Shankly-Paisley era, looks likely to remain so for many, many years to come!

Birmingham, incidentally, gained promotion as Champions that season — while Liverpool finished up in 11th place.

After Munich

Can you tell me the first match Manchester United played after the 1958 Munich air disaster?

ALAN O'GRADY,
WREXHAM

● The tragic crash itself, Alan, took place on 6th February, that year — and United next played, 13 days later, in a postponed Fifth Round F.A. Cup-tie against Sheffield Wednesday.

A 17-man squad had been involved in the Munich crash. And, of these, seven had been killed outright; another was dying; two more were injured so badly that they never played again; and another five were still in hospital with manager Matt Busby.

That left just goalkeeper Harry Gregg and defender Bill Foulkes available from the recognised first team squad.

So desperate was United's plight that what should have been their team line-up in the official Old Trafford programme had to be left a complete blank — and the side wasn't finally settled until minutes before the kick-off. But, somehow, two new signings and a batch of reserves were marshalled together — and, miraculously, they beat Wednesday 3-0.

They then went on to beat West Bromwich and Fulham before going down 0-2 to Bolton in the Final — where, amidst perhaps the loudest cheer Wembley has ever known, the makeshift United side was led out by a still-shaky Matt Busby on crutches.

Villa umbrella

I've read in a book that an Aston Villa player once put up an umbrella during a match. Surely he didn't?

NAZIR MOTALA,
ZAMBIA

● I wasn't around to see myself all those years ago, Nazir, but that's how the story goes.

His name was Charlie Athersmith, and it seems that in one bygone game Villa were so much on top on a rain-swept afternoon that he jokingly borrowed a brolly from a touchline spectator — and ran up and down the wing with it.

Mind you, cheerful Charlie was nobody's fool with a ball at his feet. Amongst other things, he became the first player ever to gain every honour then available in a single season when, in 1896-97, he helped Villa to the League and F.A. Cup "Double" — and also played for England against Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

I know my dad's uncle, Roy Dwight, played for Nottingham Forest — but could you tell me something of the highlights of his career?

M. CARVER,
TIVERTON

● Well, first and foremost, your dad's uncle had the good fortune to play in a winning F.A. Cup Final team at Wembley in 1959 — on the right wing in the side that beat Luton 2-1.

In the same game, though he also had the bad luck to break a leg — and be carried off not long after scoring Forest's first goal.

He'd joined Forest, from Fulham, at the start of that season — and celebrated with 20 First Division goals, plus another six in the Cup.

He'd scored 47 goals for the Londoners in 64 League games over the previous two seasons, and looked set for a prolific scoring career.

But, unhappily, that Wembley injury virtually ended his career in the big-time.

SHORT PASSES

● Ray Clemence made his full England debut in the 1-0 defeat of Wales in Cardiff on 15th November, 1972.
(KEVIN KEE, Singapore)

● Southampton have played in three F.A. Cup Finals — losing 0-4 to Bury in 1900; losing 1-2 in a replay to Sheffield Utd. in 1902; and beating Manchester Utd. 1-0 in 1976.
(PAUL HOPKINS, Southampton)

● Q.P.R. knocked-out Colchester, Aldershot, Swansea, Leicester, Carlisle, and Birmingham before beating West Bromwich 3-2 in the 1967 Football League Cup Final.
(OLLI TUOVINEN, Finland)

● The Leeds team which lost 1-2 to Liverpool in the 1965 F.A. Cup Final was — Sprake, Reaney, Bell, Bremner, Charlton, Hunter, Giles, Storrer, Peacock, Collins, and Johnanson.
(MARK PETTY, New Zealand)

● England's first-ever full international against Brazil was a 4-2 win at Wembley on 9th May, 1956.
(DAVID IBELEME, Nigeria)

● Chelsea's first-ever Football League match was a 0-1 away defeat by Stockport County (Div Two) on 2nd September, 1905.
(STEPHEN JONES, Gloucestershire)

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Ray consoles Kevin after Liverpool had beaten Hamburger SV 7-1 on aggregate to win the Super Cup in 1977.

'I'M A

THE blame for Liverpool's failure to reach the League Cup Final lies, according to some people, squarely on the shoulders of one man — me!

For the two goals Nottingham Forest scored in the Semi-Final, one in each leg, came from penalties I conceded.

In the closing stage of the first-leg, at the City Ground, I came off my line for a ball played through our defence to Garry Birtles. Unfortunately, I misjudged the pace of our defender Alan Hansen, who managed to cut out the pass, and in a committed lunge for the ball brought Birtles down.

John Robertson converted the penalty-kick, which allowed Forest to come to Anfield with a 1-0 lead.

The second-leg was only 23 minutes old when history cruelly repeated itself.

Success

Actually, it was for the third time, as apart my first-leg experience, I had been beaten by him from the dreaded 12-yard spot in the 1978 League Cup Final replay at Old Trafford, after a disputed refereeing decision, to give Forest their first success in the competition.

Although in the return I was found guilty of again bringing a player down — this time Martin O'Neill — the situation was different from the first-leg. Martin was clear through with the ball and, thinking he was about to shoot, I committed myself to blocking the ball. Instead, he tried to take the ball round me and I just couldn't avoid bringing him down.

I'm convinced that if Martin hadn't bitten the mud he was certain to score.

As I prepared to face John Robert-

son, I had to make up my mind which way to dive. I remembered he'd been quoted after the second-leg conversion that he'd debated with himself whether to switch from his favourite left-hand corner shot; and knowing he had used it again a few weeks later against Barcelona and missed, I was convinced he would alter his aim.

I was right. But he struck the ball so powerfully my stretching fingers were inches short as it bombed into the far corner to my left. This put Forest two goals up, presenting us with a real mountain to climb.

We felt we deserved a penalty later in the second-half after Larry Lloyd lifted his foot head high to loft

'For the third time John Robertson converted a penalty against me'

the ball clear of Kenny Dalglish. Afterwards, our manager Bob Paisley insisted that such dangerous kicking merited a penalty-kick instead of an indirect one, but the referee intimated that he interpreted the foul differently.

I didn't hang around to join in any inquests. After a quick shower, I changed, collected my wife Vee from the players' lounge and drove home.

Friends tried to dissuade me and urged me to go for a drink, but I was in no mood for consolation. I felt sick with the disappointment of knowing we'd failed just one step from Wembley — and partly due to me.

'Kevin Keegan's return is a big boost for our game'

have nodded it home with no trouble, but Dave headed agonisingly wide.

Forest's defence have never played better, with Larry Lloyd and Kenny Burns in magnificent form, marshalling their men into a near-impenetrable wall whenever we attacked.

Some people have suggested we were over-confident following the 2-0 knockout we dealt them in our previous meeting, in the F.A. Cup. That wasn't the reason for our lacklustre performance. A game against Brian Clough's side is equivalent to a local derby against Everton, or the clashes with our biggest rivals Leeds United in the late 60's and early 70's, and we were fully motivated without an ounce of complacency.

It's ironic that although we've collected a record number of 11 titles, won the F.A. Cup two times, the European and U.E.F.A. Cups twice, we've yet to win the League Cup, the least prestigious domestic trophy.

I'm beginning to reconcile myself to the fact that we're not destined to bring it to Anfield — at least in my time there. The omission of a winner's tankard in my showcase at home will be something to haunt me.

Which players do I think will be the lucky recipients this year — those of Forest or Wolves?

No disrespect to Emlyn Hughes, my former team-mate who will lead out the yellow and golds, but I'm betting on John McGovern and his lads, and not because they beat us.

The Final is tailor-made for Forest. Their tactic of soaking up the pressure and striking for goal on the break is admirably suited against an all-out attacking side like Wolves.

There's no way this Final will be

before the Republic of Ireland game he had any intention of moving to Southampton.

I'm convinced, though, he never would have considered returning to Liverpool, mainly because he relishes a new challenge and it would have been second time around at Anfield.

Although he's a far better player now, particularly at finishing, he would have difficulty anyway in fitting into a side successfully playing to a different pattern.

Southampton's manager Lawrie McMenemy has once again demonstrated he is a man of courage and vision in capturing Kevin, whose two goals against the Republic at Wembley befitted the European Footballer of the Year.

Big Lawrie and King Kevin are going to prove a tremendous combination next season, and Saints, for the first time for many years, must rank as Championship contenders.

Already they are playing so well they look like finishing high enough to qualify for the U.E.F.A. Cup competition to provide Kevin once again with the opportunity to excel in European club football.

I can only guess at the factors that influenced Kevin into joining Southampton. He probably liked the chance to begin again with a small club, as he did when he joined Scunthorpe United. He also enjoys living in a country setting. And he'll be playing alongside Mike Channon one of his greatest mates.

Pressures

He'll be near enough to London to ensure his commercial interests don't suffer, and yet far enough away to escape the pressures.

But knowing how keen he is to lead England to glory — especially in the World Cup in 1982 — I suspect his main motive in coming home to play is to ensure he gets completely involved in our international set-up.

Kevin's desire to earn enough money in his short life span as a player to give himself and his family security comes second to getting job satisfaction.

His return is a big boost for our game. He'll put fans on the gates — home and away — and also help restore England to the front rank of footballing nations.

This Friday, instead of preparing ourselves for the League Cup Final at Wembley, as we had hoped, Liverpool will be at Ashton Gate playing Bristol City in the League.

It's important we wipe out our disappointment at what-might-have-been and concentrate on winning points to take us to another League Championship.

City, fighting for First Division survival on their home ground, will give us a hard time and punish us for any lack of concentration.

Ray Clemence

BAD LOSER'

If I uttered the phrase "if only" once I said it a hundred times.

I don't mind admitting I'm a bad loser. It's an essential part of my make-up. Without it I wouldn't be where I am today — keeping goal for my country and its Champions.

After running through my nightmare moment on video countless times, I had to admit Forest thoroughly deserved their win.

The first 20 minutes were crucial. Instead of our players being half a yard faster and dictating the play, Forest were the sharper side, getting the greater share of the ball.

And when we did get chances to score we squandered them. In the second-half, Dave Johnson was on the far post when the ball came clear to him. Normally he would



For some unfathomable reason we just couldn't put our usual smooth-flowing game together, and hurried our passes and shots.

In football you learn it's important to pick yourself up, dust yourself down and start all over again; and within two days we were concentrating on winning our next League match and staying on course for the Championship.

the dull, yawn-provoking affair that Everton and Aston Villa put on at Wembley in 1977.

Of course, I could be wrong making such a definite prediction in a sport notorious for serving up the completely unexpected.

Like the bombshell that dropped a few days before our second-leg game — the news that Kevin Keegan was returning from Germany in July to play for an English club. And not a "fashionable" one at that — but Southampton.

We at Liverpool were just as staggered as everyone else with Kevin's decision. Personally, I was always convinced he'd go to a Spanish club.

Kevin gave no indication when we were together on England duty



John Robertson's decision to change his style in the second leg of the League Cup Semi-Final once again paid dividends.

NORWICH



BACK ROW (left to right): Ken Brown (asst. manager), John Ryan, Tony Powell, Martin Peters, Justin Fashanu, Kevin Keegan, Clive Baker, Roger Hansbury, Roger Brown, Kevin Bond, Dave Bennett, John McDowell, John Bond (manager).

CH CITY



FRONT ROW: John Sainty (coach), Jimmy Neighbour (now West Ham), Mick McGuire, Richard Symonds, Phil Hoadley, Keith Robson, Mark Nightingale, Graham Paddon, Alan Taylor, Kevin Reeves.

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

If football clubs were measured by their capacity to provide entertainment, Norwich City would be Champions at the end of this season.

No club in the Football League has contributed more than John Bond's team to rid the First Division of its well-worn reputation for encouraging stifling negative tactics.

Their crazy results this season speak volumes when it comes to assessing Norwich's contribution to the average fan's Saturday afternoon fun.

It started on the first day of the League season. Everton slammed two goals into Norwich's goal at Goodison Park only to concede four by the end of the game, two coming from Justin Fashanu.

A month later Norwich nicked a point from mighty Liverpool at Anfield, and four weeks after that shook Brighton with a four goal burst at the Goldstone Ground.

So, there was no reason why Norwich shouldn't feel confident of giving Manchester United a nasty shock at Old Trafford on November 24th. What happened? Forty-six thousand fans watched Lou Macari, Kevin Moran, Steve Coppell and Joe Jordan (two) hammer five goals into Norwich's net.

And so the topsy-turvy Norwich season has gone on, scaling dizzy heights one moment, plumb-ing the depths the next.

NORWICH CITY



Manager John Bond.



Trevor Cherry (right) ... a possible target for Norwich?

TOPSY-TURVY CANARIES

Bill Shankly and Matt Busby reckoned Norwich's 5-3 defeat by Liverpool at Carrow Road on February 9th was one of the most entertaining games they have ever watched on television.

Then Wolves beat them 4-0 at Carrow Road and John Bond sighed: "No team of mine has ever played as badly as we did on Saturday and the players agree with me."

Football followers could be forgiven for believing that the club was in turmoil. Wrong.

A buoyant John Bond expresses his "delight" at Norwich's progress this season. And that optimism has spread through the East Anglian camp.

Bond's short term ambition is to emulate the success of neighbouring Ipswich Town. "Bobby Robson has had longer at it than me but I'm confident we can achieve what he's done in the next five years."

He admits that Norwich's bank balance does not compare with that of Arsenal, Manchester United, Everton or Liverpool, but he points to a new stand, costing £1.5 million, which has become the envy of many of the club's First Division rivals.

The Canaries youth policy is also

raising eyebrows. They fielded six players under the age of 22 in losing heavily to Wolves.

"People keep on about Crystal Palace being a young side, but half my team that day were 22 and under, and when you have a side that young, it can sometimes be caught out," Bond explains.

"Terry Venables and Malcolm Allison will tell you how easy it is for this to happen when you use players so young. That's why I'm searching for two experienced players."

"I made an enquiry about an experienced England player I watched closely in the Wembley game against the Republic of Ireland. It didn't come off. I can't say who it was but it indicates our thinking here." (Trevor Cherry, the England and Leeds United defender, was the likely choice.)

John Bond is clearly searching for another "Martin Peters".

"I was talking to Terry Medwin about the value of players like Martin and Ian Callaghan to predominantly young sides. Martin's enthusiasm is infectious and good for the side."

Norwich's problem is attempting to compete with the more wealthy clubs in a highly competi-



Kevin Reeves, an international star of the future.

tive First Division. Bond has never spent more than £145,000 on a player (buying Phil Boyer from Bournemouth), a fiddling amount compared with the massive transfer dealings of Tony Book at Manchester City and Everton's Gordon Lee.

It is a tribute to Bond's remarkable acumen that Norwich are above both Everton and Manchester City in the First Division and reached the Sixth Round of the League Cup.

"The transfer system has gone crazy, but there are hopeful signs that the fees are coming down," says Bond.

"It saddens me when I see star players demanding too much money from clubs who can ill afford to pay them such sums. Do they realise that many of their fellow professionals are being shown the door because clubs cannot afford to keep them?"

"Our future at Norwich is in producing young talent. Do you know that a manager offered me £60,000 for Richard Symonds after he had played only three first team games?"

"That's our strength — not that I want to part with any of my players."

In the next breath, one of the First Division's most outspoken managers says: "Our problem is that one or two players are slightly inferior and that's why we lose so heavily on occasions."

Fortunately, the strengths of Martin Peters, Kevin Reeves and Justin Fashanu and the managerial experience of John Bond and his assistant Ken Brown disguise any deficiencies in Norwich's ranks.

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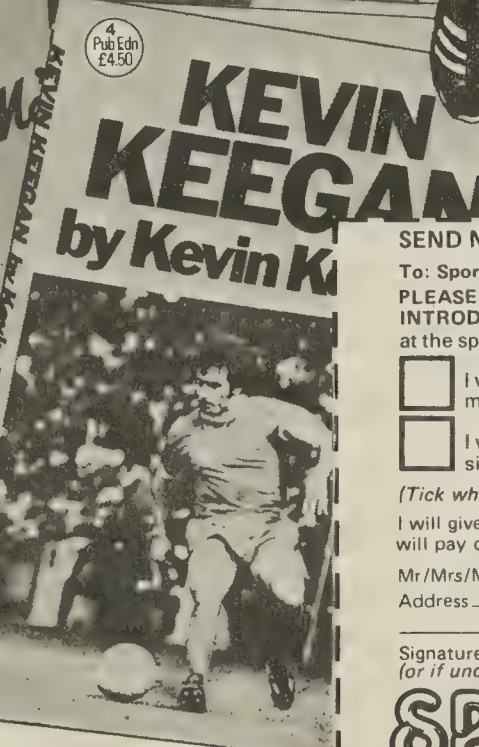
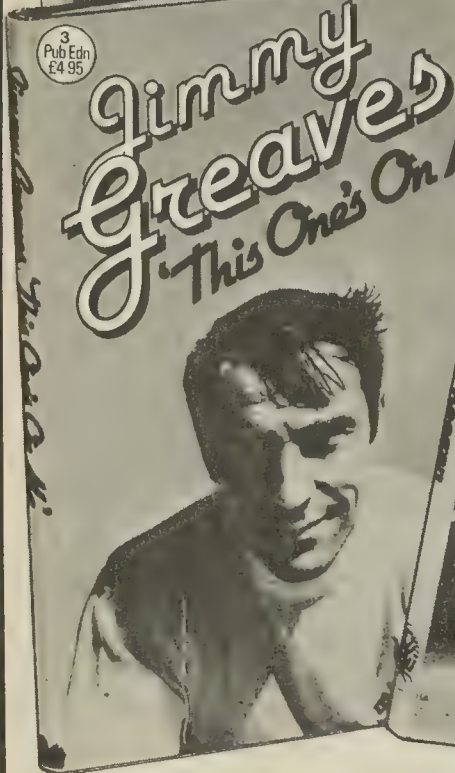
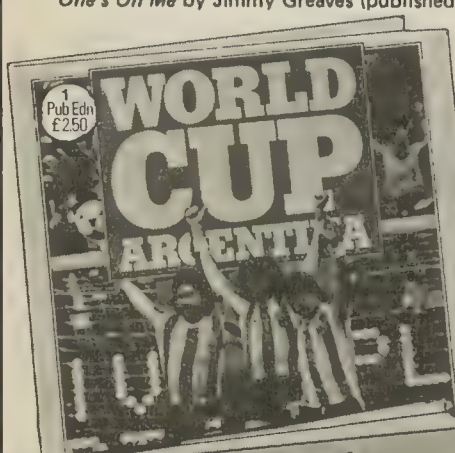
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First Division

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LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (McDermott, pen.)
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Boyer) 44,655
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.
 Southampton: Wells; Golac, Waldron, Baker, Watson, Nicholl, Ball, Boyer, Channon, Holmes, George.

MAN. CITY (1) 1 (Robinson, pen.)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Hodde) 34,837
 Man. City: Corrigan; Donachie, Power, Reid, Caton, Bennett, Henry (MacKenzie), Daley, Robinson, Viljoen, Lee.
 Tottenham: Daines; Hughton, McAllister, Yorath, Miller, Perryman, Ardiles, Jones (Pratt), Armstrong, Hodde, Villa.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Armstrong)
MAN. UTD (1) 1 (Thomas) 30,587
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Johnson, Hedley, Ramage, McAndrew, Cochran, Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.
 Man. Utd: Bailey; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Wilkins, Jordan, Macari, Thomas (McGrath).

NORWICH (1) 1 (Robson)
COVENTRY (0) 0 16,467
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Downs, Ryan, Brown, Powell, Mendham, Reeves, Robson (Fashanu), Paddon, Peters.
 Coventry: Blyth; Coop, McDonald, Gooding, Dyson, Gillespie, Nardiello (Whitton), English, Hateley, Blair, Hutchison.

NOTTM FOREST (0) 3 (Needham, Francis, Anderson)
W.B.A. (1) 1 (Regis) 27,724
 Nottm Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Needham, O'Neill, Bowles, Birdies, Francis (Mills), Robertson.
 W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Trewick, Wile, Robertson, Mills, Deehan, Regis, Owen, Barnes (Brown T).

STOKE (0) 0
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Mariner) 15,253
 Stoke: Fox; Pejic, Johnson, Irvine, Dodd, Doyle, Heath, Richardson, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Randall (Chapman).
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil (McCallie), Gates.

WOLVES (1) 3 (Gray, Richards, Daniel)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 18,835
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Atkinson, Carr, Gray, Richards, Thomas.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Tainton, Whitehead, Gow, Rodgers, Merrick, Pritchard, Fitzpatrick (Sweeney), Ritchie, Mann, Garland.

Second Division

BRISTOL R (1) 1 (Penny)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 9,351
 Bristol R: Thomas; Cooper, Jones, Aitken, Taylor, Williams, Prince, Barrowclough, Puls, Dennehy, Penny.
 Birmingham: Wealds; Broadhurst, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainecow, Worthington, Bertschin (Dillon), Gemmill, Lynex.

BURNLEY (0) 0
SWANSEA (0) 0 8,806
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Overson (V), Burke, Dixon, Rodaway, James, Dobson, Hamilton, Young (Cavener), Smith.
 Swansea: Letharan; Marustik, Rushbury, Phillips, Stevenson, Giles, Craig, James, Waddle, Charles, Callaghan.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 (O'Neill 2)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 5,179
 Cambridge: Webster; Turner, Smith, Stringer, Fallon (Finney), O'Neill, Murray, Spriggs, Reilly, Gibbins, Christie.
 Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Cross, Tong, Biggins, Dungworth, Maguire.

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Moore)
WREXHAM (0) 0 10,824
 Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Lewis, Bishop, Moore, Ronson, Buchanan.
 Wrexham: Davies; Darracott, Kenworthy, Davis, Jones, Fox, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeill, Carrodus (Hill).

CHARLTON (0) 0
ORIENT (0) 1 (6,357)
 Charlton: Wood; Hazell, Gritt, Tydeman, Berry, Madden, Powell, Jacobsen, Ostergaard, Walker, Robinson.
 Orient: Day; Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Moores, Godfrey, Hughton, Mayo, Jennings, Coates.

CHELSEA (1) 4 (Fillery, Barton o.g., Langley, Walker)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 32,281
 Chelsea: Borota; Locke, Sparrow, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Langley, Walker, Harris.
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Davies, Cassidy, Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Cartwright, Withe, Rafferty (Connolly), Hibbit.



Chelsea's Micky Droy heads for the Newcastle goal in a 4-0 victory at Stamford Bridge.

LUTON (0) 0
LEICESTER (0) 0 14,141
 Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.
 Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Welsh, Goodwin, May, O'Neill, Wilson, Henderson, Young, Kelly (Strickland), Smith.

PRESTON (0) 3 (Elliott 2, 1 pen., McGee)
FULHAM (0) 2 (Gale pen., Davies) 7,912
 Preston: Tunks; Taylor, McAteer, Doyle, Anderson, O'Riordan, Bell, Haslegrave, Elliott, McGee, Bruce.
 Fulham: Peyton; Peters, Strong, Money, Barton, Gale, Wilson, Beck, Davies, Maybank, Gayle.

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Allen)
NOTTS CO (1) 3 (Christie, Hooks, Hunt) 9,613
 Q.P.R.: Woods; Shanks, Wallace, McCreery, Wicks, Roeder, Walsh (Neal), Goddard, Allen, Waddock, Burke.
 Notts Co: Leonard; Benjamin, O'Brien, Hunt, Kilcline, Blockley, Doherty, Masson, Christie, Hooks, Mair (Wood).

SUNDERLAND (0) 4 (Brown 3, Robson)
OLDHAM (1) 2 (Stainrod, Atkinson) 19,456
 Sunderland: Siddall; Whitworth, Bolton, Clarke, Elliott, Cummins, Arnott, Marangoni, Brown, Robson, Dunn (Rowell).
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Kowenicki, Clements, Hurst, Valentine, Halom, Steel, Stainrod, Atkinson.

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Bonds)
WATFORD (0) 1 (Rostron) 23,553
 West Ham: Parkes; Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Allen, Pearson, Pike, Brooking, Neighbour.
 Watford: Steele; Henderson, Harrison, Patching, Sims, Bolton, Booth, Blissett (Poskett), Ward, Train, Rostron.

Third Division

BARNLEY (0) 1 (Banks)
SWINDON (0) 2 (Mayes, Rowland) 10,420
 Barnley: Pierce; Joyce, Collins, Glavin, Evans, Chambers, Banks, Lester, Graham, Miller, Aylott.
 Swindon: Allan; Lewis, Stroud, McHale, Tucker, Carter, Miller, Kamara, Rowland, Mayes (Bates), Williams.

CARLISLE (1) 4 (Bonnyman, Beardsley, Ludlam, Hoolickin)
MILLWALL (0) 0 4,867
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, Winstanley, MacDonald, Ludlam, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Beardsley, Hamilton, Staniforth (Bannon).
 Millwall: Jackson; Coleman, Roberts, Mehmet, Tagg, Blyth, Townner, Seaman, McKenna (Donaldson), Lyons, O'Callaghan.

CHESTER (0) 1 (Jones)
BURY (0) 0 4,692
 Chester: Millington; Jeffries, Walker, Storton, Cottam, Oakes, Ruggiero (Burns), Jones, Rush, Phillips, Henderson.

Mansfield: New; Thompson, Foster, Curtis, Bird, McClelland, Lathan (Thomson), Goodwin, Austin, Mann, Allen.

OXFORD (0) 0
COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Foley, Lee) 3,857
 Oxford: Brown; Doyle, McIntosh, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, Taylor, Duncan, Foley, Berry, Watson (White).
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Downman, Hodge, Gough, Foley, Lee, Allinson.

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Forrest 2, pens.)
SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Parker pen.) 4,092
 Rotherham: Mountford; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Standcliffe, Green, Gooding, Fern, Dawson, Tiler, Finney.
 Southend: Cawston; Stead, Dudley, Hadley, Cusack, Nelson, Otulakowski, Pountney, Parker, Spence (Tuohy), Gray.

SHEFF. WED (0) 0
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Cook) 13,287
 Sheff. Wed.: Bolder; Blackhall, Williamson, Smith, Pickering, Hornsby, King (Leman), Johnson, Mellor, McCulloch, Curran.
 Plymouth: Crudgington; James, Harrison, Randall, Foster, Phillipson-Masters, Hodges, Cooper, Sims, Bason, Cook.

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Galliers)
BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Jones, Morris) 2,688
 Wimbledon: Beasant; Briley, Jones, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Lewington, Parsons, Leslie, Cork, Dziadulewicz.
 Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Pashley, Malone, Ashurst, Thompson, Morris, Doyle, Kellow, Harrison.

Fourth Division

ALDRSHOT (0) 0
HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Houchen, Newton) 3,516
 Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Bennett, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, French, Needham, McGregor.
 Hartlepool: Burleigh; Sweeney, Carr, Lawrence, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Houchen, Newton, Normanton, Hampton.

BRADFORD C (1) 1 (Campbell)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Kellock) 4,629
 Bradford C: Smith; Podd, Watson, Wood, Baines, Cooper, Robertson (Jones), Dolan, Staniforth, McNiven, Campbell.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Phillips, Guy, Slough, Foster, Quow, Kellock, Cliss, Robson (Chard), Syrett.

CREWE (0) 2 (Scott, Hunter)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Firth) 2,579
 Crewe: Grobbelaar; Lewis, Bowers, Hunter, Scott, Proffitt, McMahon, Palios, Conroy, Guy, Ashworth (Davies).
 Halifax: Kilner; Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Firth, Kennedy, Mountford (Burke), Smith, Stafford.

DONCASTER (0) 2 (Bentley o.g., Pugh)
PORT VALE (2) 3 (Sproson, Chamberlain (N) 2) 3,859
 Doncaster: Peacock; Russell, Snodin, Lister (Pugh), Lally, Bradley, Nimmo, Little, Warboys, Riley, Fanagan.
 Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Sproson, Delgado, Bentley, Beech, Farrell, Owen (Bromage), Healy, Chamberlain (N).

HEREFORD (0) 0
WALSALL (0) 1 (Penn) 4,814
 Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Feeley, Cunningham, Spiring, McGrellis, Jones, White.
 Walsall: Green; Williams, Mower, Sbragia, Serella, Paul, Penn, Waddington, McDonough, Buckley, Casewell.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3 (Robins, Kindon pen., Fletcher)
LINCOLN (0) 2 (Harford, Cunningham) 8,108
 Huddersfield: Rankin; Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Harvey, Laverick (Fletcher), Hart, Kindon, Robins, Cowling.

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Lincoln: McManus; Thompson, Neale, Watson, Saunders, Peake, Hobson, Carr, Harford, Cunningham, Bell.

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Brisley)
WIGAN (0) 1 (Houghton) 15,620
Portsmouth: Mellor; McLaughlin, Viney, Brisley, Aizlewood, Ellis, Gregory, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers (Garwood).
Wigan: Brown; Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Brownbill, Quinn (Houghton), Urquhart.

YORK (0) 2 (Kay, Lorimer)
NEWPORT (0) 1 (Aldridge) 2,248
York: Neenan; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Randall, Lorimer, Eccles, McDonald, Loggie.

Newport: Plumley; Walden, Relish, Bruton (D), Oakes, Bailey (Warriner), Vaughan, Lowndes, Tynan, Aldridge, Moore.

BOURNEMOUTH v SCUNTHORPE and NORTHAMPTON v TORQUAY postponed.

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Hamilton, Archibald, Strachan)
RANGERS (1) 2 (MacDonald (J), Jackson) 19,500
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Considine, McLeish, Garner, Rougvie, Strachan, Archibald, Hamilton, McMaster, Scanlon (Hewitt).
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson (Smith), Forsyth (T), Jackson, Stevens, McLean (Cooper), Russell, Parlane, MacDonald (A), MacDonald (J).

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Redford)
MORTON (0) 0 7,922
Dundee: Donaldson; Barr, Schaedler (Williamson), McLaren, Glennie, Shirra, Mackie, Redford (Fletcher), Pirie, Sinclair, Murphy.
Morton: Baines; McLaren, Holmes, Anderson, McLaughlin, Orr, Tolmie, Craig (Scott), Thompson, Hutchison, Ritchie.



Celtic's John Doyle (hoops) and Craig Paterson of Hibs.

HIBS (1) 1 (Best)
CELTIC (1) 1 (Aitken) 21,936
Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Lambie, Rae, Paterson, McNamara, Callaghan, MacLeod, Higgins, Campbell, Best.
Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McDonald, McAdam, Provan, Sullivan, Lennox, MacLeod, Doyle.

PARTICK (0) 1 (McAdam)
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Street) 6,000
Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, McAdam, Anderson, Doyle, Melrose, Gibson (Wilson), Park, Jardine.
Kilmarnock: McCulloch; Welsh, McLean, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Houston, Maxwell, Gibson, Cramond, Street.

ST. MIRREN (1) 2 (Somner 2, 1 pen.)
DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Narey) 9,000
St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Beckett, Richardson, Fulton, Copland, Bone, Stark (Doherty), Somner, McDougall, Weir.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Pettigrew, Dodds (Holt), Payne.

Scottish First

ARBROATH (0) 1 (Barbour)
DUNFERMLINE (1) 3 (Leonard 2, McNaughton) 1,257

BERWICK (2) 5 (Wallace 2, Smith (G), Smith (D) pen., Romaines)
ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 0 1,076

CLYDE (0) 2 (McCabe, O'Neill)
HAMILTON (0) 2 (Fairlie pen., McManus) 1,000

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Ronald)
AYR (0) 0 1,500

DUMBARTON (0) 0
AIRDRIE (0) 0 2,500

RAITH (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Kidd) 2,100

STIRLING (0) 0
HEARTS (0) 1 (Stewart) 2,800

Scottish Second

ALLOA (1) 2 (Holt 2)
MONTROSE (0) 1 (Robb) 500

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Reilly, Rolland pen.)
E. STIRLING (1) 4 (Lamont 2, Bennett, Grant) 500
 (Abandoned after 80 minutes)

E. FIFE (0) 1 (Lumsden)
FALKIRK (0) 0 789

FORFAR (2) 2 (Clark, Brash)
ALBION (1) 2 (Leishman, Houston) 1,018

QUEEN'S PARK (3) 4 (Gillespie (M) 2, Irvine, McGregor)
BRECHIN (0) 0 733

Scottish Cup

(Second Round)

COLDSTREAM (1) 1 (Kerr)
Q O S (0) 1 (Gordon) 600

(Second Round Replays)

BRORA RANGERS (0) 1 (McKie)
BUCKIE THISTLE (0) 2 (Christie, Nicol) 1,060

MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Small, Jobson)
STRANRAER (0) 1 (McCutcheon) 350

PETERHEAD (0) 2 (Brown (T), Hunter)
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 1,058

Irish League

ARDS (0) 0
CLIFTONVILLE (0) 2 (Adair 2)
Ards: Craig; Walker, Cromie, Cullen (Walsh), McCoy, Gibson, Hewitt, Martin, Foster, Kennedy, Maxwell.
Cliftonville: Johnston; Mills, Largey, Flanagan, Quinn, McCurry, Bell, McCusker, Kingon, Erwin (Adair), Holden.

BALLYMENA UNITED (2) 4 (McQuiston, Neill, Malone, Mullan)
LARNE (0) 0
Ballymena Utd: White; Beattie, Fox, McCullough, Jackson, McCall, Mullan, Sloan, McQuiston, Malone, Neill.

Larne: Willis; Wilson, Cleland, McMinus, Carland, Connor, Hardy, Clark, Doran, McAuley, Hanvey.

COLERAINE (1) 2 (Dickson 2)
BANGOR (1) 3 (Feeney, McCoubrey, McLoughlin)
Coleraine: Magee; McDowell, McNutt, Beckett, McCallion, Healey, Mahon, Foregrave (McConaghie), Platt, Dickson, Mullin.
Bangor: Nicholson; Feeney, McKimm, Radcliffe, Harrison, Cummings, Lennox, McLoughlin, Barrett (Rollins), McCoubrey, Duddy.

CRUSADERS (2) 2 (King 2)
PORTADOWN (0) 0 (Abandoned after 79 minutes)
Crusaders: McDonald; Fellows, Gorman, Mulhall, Gillespie, McPholin, Kennedy, Currie (Graham), Byrne, King, Rice.
Portadown: McCollum; Smyth, Edgar, Campbell, Kilburn, Cleary, Gordon, Gardiner, Alexander, Quinn, Graham (Donegan).

GLENAVON (1) 1 (O'Kane)
DISTILLERY (1) 1 (Richardson)
Glendavon: Lennox; Davey, Quinn, McGuigan, Stitt, Donnelly, Denver, Armstrong, McGeown, Tully, O'Kane.
Distillery: Smyth; Andrews, McGreevy, Keatly, McIlhenny, McAuley, Kerr, Cowden, Richardson, McMinn, Coulter.

LINFIELD (1) 5 (Nixon, Feeney 3, Rafferty)
GLENTORAN (1) 0
Linfield: Dunlop; Garrett, Hayes, Jameson, Rafferty, McKee, Nixon, McKee, Feeney, Doran (Murray), Anderson.
Glentoran: Anderson; McCreery (Rab), Carson, Walsh, Moore, Gracey, Irvine (Dickey), McCreery (Ron), Blackledge, Porter, Jamison.

Sunday, January 13

League of Ireland

ATHLONE TOWN (1) 2 (Wyse, Davis)
CORK UNITED (1) 1 (Brohan)
Athlone Town: Smyth; Feniuk, Fullam, McCue, Smith, Wyse, Clarke, Davis, O'Connor (P), O'Connor (T), Devlin.
Cork Utd: Ludzic; Punch, Nodwell, O'Donovan, Brohan, Neiland, Morley (Lane (J)), Keane, McCarthy, Madden, Lane (R).

DUNDALK (1) 2 (Duff 2)
THURLES TOWN (0) 0
Dundalk: Blackmore; McConville, Lawlor, Keely, Dunning, Flanagan, Braddish, Devine, Duff, Byrne (Daly), Muckian.
Thurles Town: Dunne; Doran, McQuaid, Lyons, Tierney, Heffernan, Jordan (Dardis), Lawson, Steedman, Shaehy, Jenkins.

FINN HARPS (3) 6 (McGrory 3, McCool, McDowell, Minnock)
SHELBORNE (0) 0
Finn Harps: McDermott; Ferry (McElwaine), Monagle, McDowell, Sheridan, Duffy, Logan, McCool, McGrory, Minnock, McGroarty (McGowan).
Shelbourne: Delahunt; Boyle, Carney, McMahon, Cleary, Moody, Nugent, Donnelly (Martin), Murphy, Byrne, Dillon.

HOME FARM (0) 0
SLIGO ROVERS (1) 1 (Sheridan)
Home Farm: Finnerty; Brady, King, Breslin, Maher, Cervi, Neville, Williams, McCluskey, Stephens (Archbold), O'Neill (Ryan).
Sligo Rovers: Patterson; Fielding, Rutherford, Stenson, O'Doherty (D), Patton, McLoughlin, Doherty (G), Fagan, Bradley, Sheridan.

LIMERICK UNITED (0) 1 (Matthews)
DROGHEDA UNITED (0) 1 (Tuite)
Limerick Utd: Fitzpatrick; Ryan, Fitzgerald, O'Mahoney, Hand, Meaney, Nolan, Morris, Duggan (Kennedy), Walsh, Matthews.
Drogheda Utd: Forrestal; Haughey, Flanagan, Campbell (Cameron), Ferguson, Byrne, Doran, Martin, Tuite, Feeney, Carthy.

ST PATRICK'S ATH (0) 0
GALWAY ROVERS (1) 1 (Gaynor)
St Pat's Ath: Grace; Higgins, Murphy (Daly), Doyle, Munnely, Malone, Wright, Hynes, Barron, Jameson, Kirwan.
Galway Rovers: Lally; Daly (Murphy (Tony)), Murphy (Tommy), Herrick, McDavid, Mannion, Cooke, Nolan, Cassidy, Collins, Gaynor.

SHAMROCK ROVERS (1) 1 (Campbell)
BOHEMIANS (0) 1 (O'Leary o.g.)
Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Kenny, Burke, Gannon, Synnott, O'Leary, Byrne, Campbell, Treacy, Gaffney, Buckley.
Bohemians: Byrne (W); Gregg, Brady, Nolan, Burke, Whelan (Byrne (M)), Kelly, McComack, Joyce, Lawless, Eviston.

WATERFORD (0) 2 (Kirk, Madigan)
UCD (0) 0
Waterford: Thomas; Jackson, Gardiner, Finucane, Dunphy (T), Dunphy (M) (Carey), Coady, Madigan, Kirk, McCathy, Keane.
UCB: McCabe; McKeown, Fox, Deeney, McDonnell, McGovern, Cassidy, Moran, Drury, Dignam (Dunne), Murphy.

Monday, January 14

F.A. Cup

(Third Round)

CHELSEA (0) 0
WIGAN (1) 1 (Gore) 22,300
Chelsea: Borota; Locke, Sparrow, Hales (Johnson), Pates, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Langley, Walker, Harris.
Wigan: Brown; Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Brownbill (Quinn), Urquhart.

(Third Round replay)

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 3 (Cochrane, Johnson, Armstrong)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 22,551
Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Johnson, Hedley, Ramage, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.
Portsmouth: Mellor; McLaughlin, Viney, Brisley, Aizlewood, Ellis (Perrin), Gregory, Laidlaw, Garwood, Bryant, Rogers.

BURY v ROCHDALE and FULHAM v BLACKBURN postponed.

(Third Round second replay)

SWANSEA (0) 2 (James, Giles)
C. PALACE (1) 1 (Boyle) at Cardiff 25,000
Swansea: Letheran; Marustik, Rushbury, Charles, Phillips, Giles, Craig, James, Waddle, Toshack, Callaghan.
C. Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Cannon, Kember, Boyle, Gilbert, Murphy, Fenwick, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Hilaire.

Third Division: SOUTHEND v MANSFIELD postponed.

Scottish Cup

(Second Round replays)

MONTROSE (1) 3 (Sheran, Murray, Johnston)
BRECHIN (2) 4 (Henderson 2, MacLeod, Gillespie) 1,500

QoS (1) 4 (Robertson 2, Alexander 2)
COLDSTREAM (0) 0 1,649

Tuesday, January 15

F.A. Cup

(Third Round replay)

FULHAM (0) 0
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Crawford) 5,684
Fulham: Peyton; Peters (Mahoney), Strong, Money, Banton, Gale, Wilson, Beck, Davies, Maybank, Greenaway.
Blackburn: Arnold; Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Crawford; Garner, McKenzie, Parkes.

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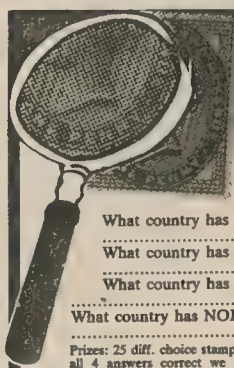
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L EICESTER midfielder Eddie Kelly could have been forgiven for thinking he didn't have much of a future at Filbert Street when manager Jock Wallace arrived with the express purpose of introducing a new-look team.

Yet Kelly survived, one of only three big-name stars to avoid Wallace's massive clearance. Goalkeeper Mark Wallington and skipper Dennis Rofe were the others, and Rofe's recent transfer to Chelsea has given Kelly the opportunity to captain one of the youngest sides in the League in their bid to gain promotion to the First Division.

Hard man Wallace clearly wasn't going to retain the old flamboyant, playboy type of footballer previous bosses Jimmy Bloomfield and Frank McLintock had brought to Filbert Street. But why did Eddie Kelly survive when all around him were getting their cards?

"Jock Wallace showed that if you respond to hard work, he would be fair with you.

"If you grafted for him, he'll keep faith. He will also tell you if you're

not doing things the way you should, but you've only got to look at our results this season, to see his approach is correct.

"You don't know how you will react to the First Division until you are actually there," says Kelly. "But let's just say, I'm determined to help Leicester gain promotion. I'd love the chance to play in the First again and this club really merits a place among the best.

"I am quite surprised at our form this season. We knew we were going to progress but perhaps we didn't realise it would be as quickly as it has been.

"We're still a very young side but have held our own against all the top sides this season. Everybody is working hard for each other which is the main thing. All the players are on the same wavelength and that is vital for a club with ambitions."

Kelly is now playing his second season in Division Two after spells at Arsenal and Q.P.R. He is 29 and an experienced judge of what a side needs to go up to Division One and survive.

"There are weaknesses in every side in the Second Division promotion race," he says. "But it's the same every season. The clubs which win promotion struggle to start with, as they find their feet. The key is having the confidence and know that you are going to progress gradually. If you've got a young side, that is more than possible. Crystal Palace have proved that this season.

'Demanding'

"Jock Wallace knows what he has to do and Leicester couldn't have a better man in charge at this demanding time."

Kelly says he wouldn't move back to London despite his successful years in the capital.

He was a member of the Arsenal 'double' winning side in 1971 and during his spell at Rangers, the club almost won the League title, finishing runners-up to Liverpool by a single point.

But he says: "I'm settled here now and wouldn't return. I had some great times at Arsenal but it's all in the past and now I've got a fresh challenge.

"People always assume winning the 'double' with Arsenal was my greatest achievement but I'd pick our European Fairs Cup success in the season 1969-70 as the highlight of my career. That was my first in League football and was a marvellous introduction to the game.

"You forget about the past pretty quickly in this game. It's the present that counts, and I'm so happy with this new challenge at Leicester. It would be great to have another spell in First Division football and I'd love to see Leicester help me to achieve that ambition."

AT 16, Gary Gillespie was the youngest club captain in Britain when he led Falkirk two seasons ago. The talented young centre-half soon made his way to England, signing for Coventry for a bargain £80,000 fee.

He left behind him an ailing team, struggling to escape the Scottish Second Division and with few prospects for the future. The fans at Brockville Park have kept an interested eye on Gillespie's progress this season, but more than anything they would love to see another talented teenager break through to lead Falkirk to glory.

At the start of the season manager John Hagart, the former number two to Ally MacLeod on the Scottish international scene, said: "I know we are red hot favourites to win promotion, but we can take nothing for granted.

"This is a difficult Division from which to escape. We will have to work and fight for everything that comes our way. We have no given right to be promoted. I will be hammering that into my players."



FRIGHTENED of FAILURE at FALKIRK

Falkirk got off to a bright start, but in recent months the glitter has gone from their polished performances. The strain is beginning to tell and teams such as Forfar and East Stirling are waiting to pounce and claim the top two places that will ensure First Division soccer next season.

Sacked

Hagart knows all about the hardships of big-time football. He was appointed manager of Hearts after they had sacked Bobby Seith, but, shortly after getting full backing from Tynecastle chairman Bobby Parker, he was axed unceremoniously.

Suddenly Hagart was out of football, and was only saved when appointed assistant to Scotland boss Ally MacLeod. Hagart went with the squad to Argentina for the World Cup Finals in '78, but, like his manager, left shortly afterwards.

When Falkirk sacked boss Billy Little they went for Hagart, and the temptation to manage his own club again proved too much to resist and he accepted the Brockville challenge.

Recently, though, there have been angry calls from the frustrated Falkirk fans who realise that their club might not get into a promotion place come the end of the season.

One player puts it this way: "Last season we missed going up

on goal difference to Berwick Rangers and Dunfermline. At the time we were convinced we were a better team than either of them. People might tell you that all the pressure in Scotland is in the Premier Division, but that is not so.

"There is strain in the Second Division and I would imagine it is just the same in the First.

"We might lack the glamour of the bigger teams, but we have got fans who want success just as much as the top clubs. The fans at Falkirk are used to having good sides and when we are struggling they aren't slow to let us know that they have seen better teams in their day!

"The thought of failure for a second successive year is frightening. It shows in everyone's play. A lot are playing safety-first and we are not creating the openings that are vital to our cause."

Falkirk's players and manager John Hagart may well shudder to think of the consequences if this once-proud club fails to climb out of Scotland's bottom Division.

The Brockville board have made it quite clear that they will not tolerate lack of success for the second season in succession, and there could be a lot of comings and goings within the next year if the present team does not come up to expectations.

We wonder what Hagart would give to have a player such as Gary Gillespie in his team at the moment.





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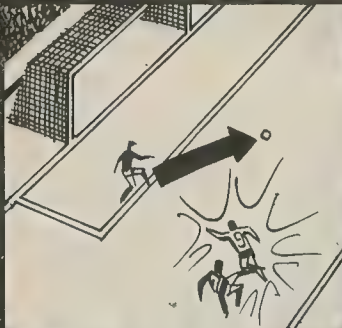
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A substitute runs on to the pitch into his own team's penalty-area and kicks an opponent. You stop play and order him off. Should you restart with: (a) a drop ball, (b) a penalty or (c) an indirect free-kick?



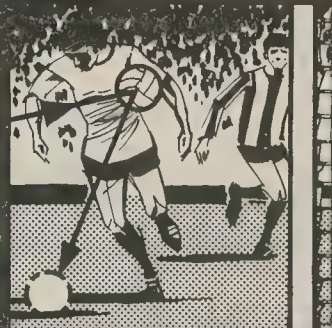
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At a goal-kick the ball has not left the penalty-area when a defender trips an opponent inside the area. Should you (a) award a penalty, (b) drop the ball or (c) retake the kick?



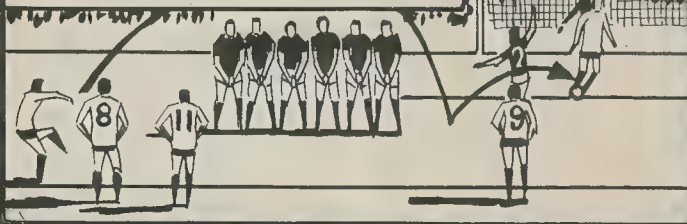
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A defender in his own penalty-area controls the ball with the upper part of his arm. You award a penalty. Are you correct?



5

From an indirect free-kick just outside the penalty-area an attacker passes the ball to his colleague who is standing in front of the goalkeeper. Should you (a) award a free-kick for offside or (b) play on?



ANSWERS

1. No.
2. A penalty (b).
3. Retake the kick (c).
4. Yes.
5. Award a free-kick for offside (a).

Euro Champions' boss likes Greenwood's England

CZECHOSLOVAKIA have been in Australia playing a series of friendlies and apart from a 2-2 draw with the Socceroos' national side, won their other matches relatively easily.

The European Champions' coach, Dr Josef Venglos, wanted to see how his players performed in hot weather with games three or four days apart, the conditions they'll meet in Italy this June.

The Czechs haven't had particularly outstanding results in the past year or so, especially away from home, and they are likely to be the oldest of all eight European Championship Quarter-Finalists.

Shrewdest

Even so, Champions never give up their title without a fight and in Venglos Czechoslovakia have one of the shrewdest brains in football. His comments on the other seven Euro Finalists make interesting reading.

WEST GERMANY: "A very strong team, rebuilt after the last World Cup by Jupp Derwal. They have tremendous team-work, play a fast, skilful, combative game in a unique German style, a mixture of the British and the Central European. The success of their club teams in the various European Cups must be a warning to all. In Kaltz, Stielike, Bonhof and Rummenigge they have some class players."

HOLLAND: "They always get buried by the critics and then produce a fresh, brilliant team. I saw them win 3-2 in East Germany and was most impressed. The Dutch seem to have worked out an ideal

formula for producing excellent young players. They can also play all year round, which we can't and that's an advantage. In Tahamata, Wildschut, Brandts and others they have found the successors to yesterday's stars."

ENGLAND: "A vastly improved team under Ron Greenwood. They have retained the traditional British style but added a lot more pure skill to their game. One must respect a team which has a Keegan, Barnes, Woodcock, Wilkins and others. England are still superbly conditioned, strong and extremely hard to beat."

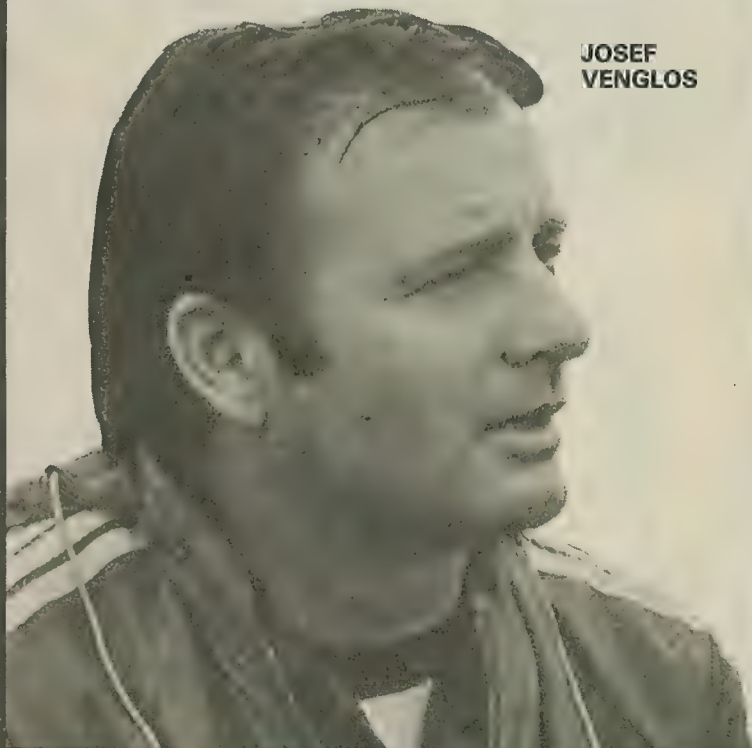
ITALY: "At home, they will be very difficult opponents although in Latin countries the home advantage sometimes backfires; the expectations are too high. I don't think the present slump of the Juventus stars should mislead anybody; Bettiga, Causio and Tardelli are great players and Bearzot will again get them to their peak."

BELGIUM: "I think it's a mistake to write them off. I saw their 3-1 win over Scotland in Glasgow — they played extremely well and they are also fit. Could be one of the surprises."

SPAIN: "We beat them 1-0 in Bratislava but it was a hard game. Their recent 1-0 win over Holland was most impressive. Spain play a very attractive game but rely more on individuals than most others. Also, at times they have problems with goalscoring."

GREECE: "A greatly improved team. I admired their skill in their 0-0 draw with Hungary in Budapest. Still, I know little about their players and will watch them in action in the coming weeks."

JOSEF VENGLOS





£100,000 FOR CUNNINGHAM'S BOSS?

REAL Madrid's Yugoslav manager, Vujadin Boskov, is on his way to a £100,000 cash bonanza in his first season in the Spanish club's hot-seat. The 48-year-old Boskov is on a low basic salary (by Spanish standards) — £28,000 a year.

He more than makes up for this with bonuses, though. He receives double the bonuses paid to the players and has totted up almost

£30,000 so far this season.

He'll receive £21,000 if Real win the European Cup; £14,000 if they win the Spanish League; and £7,000 if they win the Spanish Cup.

If Real do this fantastic treble, Boskov will scoop a £100,000 pay-cheque for 1979/80, and the players aren't doing too badly, either.

Laurie Cunningham (seen here with Boskov) has picked up over £12,000 so far in bonuses, but it's just as well he isn't on extra money for penalties. Real have been awarded only two this season and the England winger has missed them both!

JORGE Carrascosa is the man who would have lifted the World Cup aloft in June, 1978, if the Argentine captain hadn't suddenly resigned from Menotti's squad a few months before the Finals were due to kick-off. Carrascosa was motivated by family reasons, and the Argentine public applauded the courage of his decision.

Now, the 31-year-old full-back has announced his retirement after 13 years of First Division football with Banfield, Rosario Central and Huracán — and the fans have given 'Argentina's model professional' a moving send-off.

THE draw for the Sixth Round of the Spanish Cup turned up two super-clashes between Barcelona and League leaders Real Sociedad; and between Cup-holders Valencia and League challengers Sporting Gijón. The odd thing about both confrontations is that they'll mean two identical fixtures in four days in both cities. Barcelona will play Real Sociedad in the League on the Sunday and in the Cup on the Wednesday. And Valencia will do likewise with Gijón.

BUSY POLAND

OUT of the European Championship and also out of the Olympics soccer tournament, the Polish F.A. have backed manager Ryszard Kulesza, who has been widely criticised by the Press. They have arranged 18 full internationals for 1980 for him to build a new team, but the chosen players will have almost no summer break. After a game against the USSR at the end of June, the new Polish squad will be off touring South America for almost a month, playing against Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Colombia. Then on August 14th they meet Sweden in Gothenburg.

News flashes

Vélez Sarsfield goalkeeper Julio Cesar Falconi saved two Diego Maradona penalties during his side's 1-0 win over Argentinos Juniors. Early leaders in Argentina were Newell's Old Boys, from FC Oeste, Unión and Argentinos Juniors.

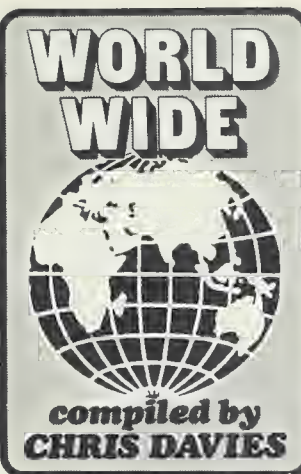
Mario Kempes (right) is back at the top of the Spanish scoring charts. His goal against Hercules in Valencia's 1-1 draw took him abreast of Sporting Gijón striker Quini, who's led the chart since the beginning of the season.



The players of Spanish Second Division side Sabadell sprung a surprise at the end of their 2-1 home victory over Cádiz — they went on strike! The players are protesting that they still haven't been paid all their wages for last season.

For the first time in history, Peñarol will not be one of Uruguay's two representatives in South America's Libertadores. Peñarol, who've been South American Champions on three occasions, lost 0-2 to Nacional in a play-off.

The whole León de Huanuco team walked off the pitch five minutes from the end of their match against La Palma in Peru. León, who were losing 0-2, left the field in protest when their veteran international defender Julio Meléndez was sent-off.



IN South America, the Olympic qualifying tournament, held in Colombia, has ended in a rumpus with all the customary accusations of bribery and corruption.

Argentina rapidly clinched their place in Moscow by winning their first five matches, but the race for the second place soon developed into a battle between Peru and Colombia.

The Peruvians claimed that "something funny was going on" when Colombia miraculously hit five goals past Brazil, and some Brazilian journalists preferred to hint that a bribe had been offered and accepted rather than admit that Brazil weren't good enough.

Argentina, safely qualified and keen to try some reserve players in their last match, found themselves in the embarrassing position of being involved in the all-decisive final game against Colombia. "Whatever the result," grumbled the Argentines, "someone will insist that we've been bribed."

In the event, the match ended as a 0-0 draw and Colombia controversially qualified on goal-difference.

BRAZIL'S TOP EARNER

MIDFIELDER Falcão, from Internacional, has been promised the highest wages in Brazilian football: £7,500 a month, not including bonuses and other perks.

Falcão, whom Pelé once said was the best player in Brazil after he himself had retired, had a promising start with the Brazilian team in the Bicentennial Tour of the United States in 1976, but fell out with manager Cláudio Coutinho and was not called for the team that played in the 1978 World Cup.

Last year, Falcão was restored to the team by Coutinho, for it was impossible to ignore him. But the new president of the Brazilian Football Confederation, Giulio Coutinho (no relation to Cláudio) had always shared Pelé's opinion and had not forgiven Cláudio Coutinho for not having called Falcão for the 1978 World Cup.

That may have been one more reason why, in the end, Cláudio Coutinho lost his job and Telê Santana was chosen as the new Brazil manager.

WOODY'S NEXT MANAGER

THIS is the man who will be Tony Woodcock's next boss. He is Karl-Heinz Heddergott, 53, and takes over from Hennes Weisweiler at Cologne in June. Heddergott is highly thought of in Germany, even though Cologne will be his first managerial appointment. Since 1954, Herr Heddergott has worked for the German F.A. as a coach, in charge of the national coaching school. Meanwhile, the Cologne fans are mourning the impending departure of Weisweiler and have been singing the hit song "Please Don't Go" at home games.



WOODCOCK v. KEEGAN

HISTORY will be made in the Bundesliga this Saturday when Tony Woodcock and Kevin Keegan meet, the first time English players have been opponents in the West German League.

Hamburger SV travel to Cologne for a vital top-of-the-table clash that is sure to be a sell-out. As the table shows, the Championship race is very open, but England's representatives in the Bundesliga stand every chance of a medal.

Cologne are in the Quarter-Finals of the Cup and will play Homburg.

Of course, as both Keegan and Woodcock are forwards it's unlikely

they'll clash very much during the game. Whatever happens, you can read about it in SHOOT very soon as I'll be in Cologne with our photographer to bring you the story behind this historic game.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Bayern Munich	23	13	5	5	47	23	+24	31
Cologne	23	12	6	5	55	35	+20	30
Hamburger SV	22	11	6	5	46	26	+20	28
Schalke 04	23	11	6	6	33	24	+9	28
Ein. Frankfurt	23	13	—	10	49	33	+16	26
Stuttgart	23	11	4	8	49	36	+13	26
Dortmund	23	11	4	8	45	36	+9	26

No Italian has ever played in West Germany's Bundesliga, but VfB Stuttgart are hoping to sign the first. They have agreed terms with AC Torino for their 26-year-old centre-forward Francesco Graziani (right). Stuttgart will pay more than £500,000 for Graziani and hope to sign him on July 1st.



Having entered for the 1982 World Cup it looks as if Albania are coming in out of the

cold. After years of minimal foreign contacts, they have arranged for Ferruccio Valcareggi to hold a two week coaching course in Tirana for the top Albanian coaches. Valcareggi was boss of Italy's World Cup side in the 1970 World Cup when they beat West Germany 4-3 in an exciting Semi-Final and the Albanians apparently were very impressed by the way Italy played that day.

Plagued by very small crowds, most Austrian First Division clubs have money troubles and two Viennese clubs are considering joining together. First Vienna FC are currently bottom of the table and they are planning to join up with SC Rapid, Champions for a record 25 times, though their last success was in 1968.



West Brom's Brendon Batson (stripes) challenges Liverpool's David Johnson for the ball.

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SHOOT!

ANYONE who ever took home a school report with a marking "shows promise but can still do better" will know what we're talking about when we say that the Football League is full of players like that.

Some hitherto lazy pupils took the warning to heart and with the right sort of application achieved the end product that promise deserved.

It's the same with footballers. Kevin Keegan is the outstanding example of someone who by sheer determination and dedication has gone to the very top of his trade surpassing many blessed with superior skills on the way.

Trevor Brooking, Mick Mills, Phil Thompson and Emllyn Hughes are others in the England squad who have had to graft for everything they've got out of the game, and all of them put to shame other players who could have been wearing the same England shirt if only they'd possess the same iron

resolve to succeed.

And when you look around the English scene today there are players who inevitably attract the comment: "If only he'd buckled down to it he'd have been a fixture in the England team."

Brian Clough — it would have to be the Nottingham Forest manager wouldn't it — has been busy lately trying to resurrect the careers of two of the outstanding examples of this kind of player — Stan Bowles and Charlie George.

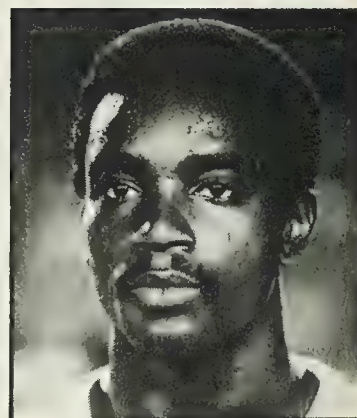
For one reason or another things didn't work out with George. Bowles is more like the persistent naughty boy than the truant. Just when it looks as if he's getting it all

together he invariably goes and lets us all down, but most important himself, with some act of stupidity.

A succession of managers have tried to tame Stanley, and to a man they've said what a nice lad he really is, often misunderstood, and how unfortunately he's easily led.

If Bowles can conquer the gambling fever which has caused so many of his downfalls in the past, he can at least believe in his own ability to succeed a little more, and that would be good news for Cloughie.

When a player flits around from club to club like a bird that can't find a comfortable branch, he's generally considered to be a bad



Laurie Cunningham

SOCCER'S WASTED TALENT

The unpredictable talents of Duncan McKenzie have both excited and disappointed fans.



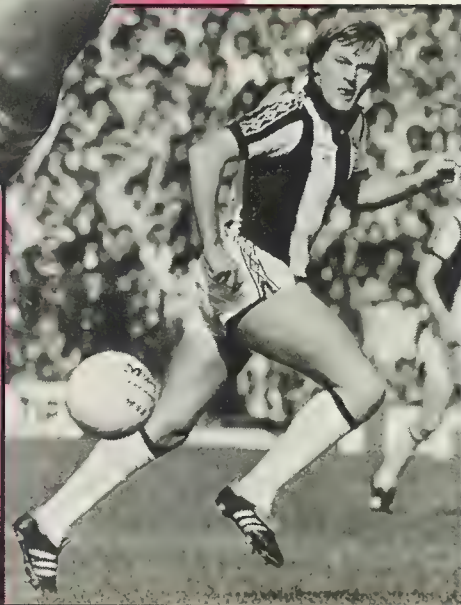
influence, the sort who'll never settle anywhere, and when that player happens to be talented more's the pity.

Strangely two such players are currently going through their best periods of stability in the Third Division.

Duncan McKenzie is at the heart of a Blackburn Rovers revival, and Terry Curran whose wanderlust has gone unabated through the

cities and towns of Doncaster, Nottingham, Bury, Derby and Southampton appears to be settled as the spearhead of Sheffield Wednesday's promotion pursuit.

McKenzie is perhaps the greatest enigma of the lot. Mercurial and maddening, charismatic and couldn't care-less, brilliant and blase. Duncan can be all of those on the same day, which is no doubt why a succession of mana-



gers have failed in their attempts to get perfect reproduction every time.

It looked like being that way again this time. He started the season with a burst of goals, slithered into comparative anonymity as Rovers plunged down the Division, but now responding to the on-field urgency of player-manager Howard Kendall, Duncan has formed an exciting partnership with Andy Crawford which might take Rovers back into the Second Division.

Curran is an old-fashioned out-and-out winger who loves nothing better than sprinting down the wing, skipping outside a full-back and lobbing lethal centres into the opposition penalty-area.

He has been doing that for years with an abundance of skill, but Curran can be such a man of mood that he exasperates as much as excites his own manager.

Lawrie McMenemy was livid with him once when he started toying with the ball near a corner flag when Southampton were getting trounced 4-0 at Leeds.

'Entertain'

Curran's explanation was that he wanted to "entertain" — presumably no matter what the circumstances of the game.

He seems to have learned a little at Hillsborough and is now scoring goals at a healthy average to go with his skill in creating chances for others.

Another winger who has disappointed us all is Gordon Hill.

Like Bowles and George, he was good enough to win an England place on merit. In Tommy Docherty's Manchester United side he was a brilliant extrovert scoring stunning goals and perking up life in general at Old Trafford in a side that was a revelation.

Yet injuries, domestic strife and loss of consistency have stifled Gordon's progress, and after a terrible time with Derby County, Gordon is still trying to pick up the pieces with Queens Park Rangers — so far unsuccessfully.

At Rangers Gordon is in harness with another exceptionally gifted player who has often been listed in the same category — Tony Currie.

That's not altogether fair on the flaxen-haired Londoner, because in his spell with Leeds United, Currie proved us all right. Here was a tremendous footballer who, given the right stage, a good script and a fine supporting cast, was a magnificent sight in full flow.

Perhaps it is that Tony found life at Sheffield United and now with Rangers a little beneath his talent, because he certainly doesn't reproduce all his repertoire unless he thinks it's worth the effort.

A great shame this, because even at international level Currie has shown that he is well equipped to play some superb football.

There is a danger that yet another winger — the flankmen do seem more prone than others to this charge — Peter Barnes — could go the same way if he doesn't buckle down to the job.

Afflicted

I think we all accepted that in his closing days at Manchester City Peter was afflicted with the general malaise which struck Maine Road and its unsettled stars.

There was little harmony within the club, but now that he has left all that for West Bromwich Albion, Peter should be raring to go and not just dazzling us all with his genuine artistry when he feels in the mood.

Laurie Cunningham, the black pearl he replaced at The Hawthorns, has similarly disappointed in his four outings for England, and it's to be hoped Real Madrid can impress upon him that greatness is not bestowed lightly — it has to be earned and worked for.

Glenn Hoddle is now showing at Tottenham just how much a player, no matter how blessed with talent, can blossom with the added dimension of workrate.

Every professional footballer in the game should recognise the fact that he is fortunate to be there in the first place.

There are literally thousands of youngsters up and down the country who would love to be in their boots — to make it to the League in the first place is an honour, a reward for the talent one possesses — let none of it be wasted by anyone.

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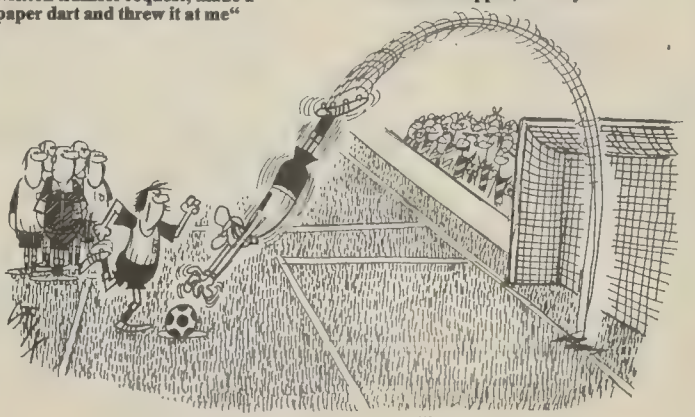
"Kick me when the ref wasn't looking would you?"



"Then he carefully folded up my written transfer request, made a paper dart and threw it at me"



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"Wait for it, mate!"



Three stars who can shine, but perhaps should have shone brighter... (from left) Peter Barnes, Stan Bowles and Terry Curran.

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TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Stan Anderson was named as manager of which First Division club after a spell as their caretaker boss?

2. Fulham's lowest crowd for many seasons of 4,774 witnessed their 1-1 draw with which Second Division club at Craven Cottage?



3. Ernie Moss (above) equalled the goalscoring record of which club when he scored his 112th for them in their 1-0 away victory against Gillingham in February?

4. Johan Cruyff was recently transferred from Los Angeles Aztecs to Washington Diplomats, the Cosmos or California Surf for £500,000?

5. Which Sheffield Wednesday striker was transferred to Oldham Athletic recently for £80,000?

6. A record transfer in Scotland of £210,000 was completed when striker Ian Redford was sold. Which two clubs were involved?

7. Brighton played a friendly against Israel recently and beat them 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2?

8. Coventry City transfer-listed which striker for a reported fee of more than £1 million?

9. Rearrange the jumbled letters to form the name of a First Division striker and his club... RYGA WAHS (TNAOS LILAV).

10. Glenn Hoddle (right) was the hat-trick hero for Spurs in their 4-3 First Division victory against Coventry City at White Hart Lane recently. How many of his three came from penalties?

11. On the same evening Manchester United went joint top of the First Division with Liverpool when they beat Bolton Wanderers 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0 at Old Trafford?

12. Blackpool's new manager Alan Ball recently appointed which former team-mate as player-coach?

13. Manchester City's Bobby Shinton, who had a loan period at Millwall, rejected a move to which Second Division club?

14. Crystal Palace's David Swindley, Martin Hinshelwood or Tony Sealy went on loan to Derby County?



15. While one player was arriving at the Baseball Ground, another was leaving. Striker Roy Greenwood (left) joined Swindon Town, Swansea or Shrewsbury for £30,000?

16. Who is Scotland's most capped player?

17. Middlesbrough recently resigned former striker John Hickton as assistant-manager, coach or scout?

18. After the games played on Saturday, March 1st which Scottish clubs were top of the (a) Premier, (b) First and (c) Second Divisions?

19. Ipswich Town equalled a club record when they beat Manchester United 6-0 at Portman Road. Was it their 14th, 15th or 16th consecutive game without a defeat?

20. On the same day, Millwall's John Jackson made his 600th, 700th or 800th League appearance?

ANSWERS:

1. Bolton Wanderers. 2. Bristol Rovers. 3. Chesterfield. 4. Washington Diplomats. 5. Rodney Wylie. 6. He moved from Dundee to Rangers. 7. 2-1. 8. Ian Wallace. 9. Gary Shaw (Aston Villa). 10. Two. 11. 2-0. 12. Bournemouth's Ted MacDougall. 13. Burnley. 14. Swindon. 15. Swindon Town. 16. Kenny Dalglish. 17. Scout. 18. Celtic. 19. Hearts. 20. 600th.

PUZZLE TIME ANSWERS:

TRACE A TEAM:

Stoke: Arsenal: Everton: Leeds: Derby: Ipswich: Liverpool.

SIDE IN THE CENTRE:

Leicester City.

PUT 'EM BACK:

Across: 1. Blackburn. 6. One. 7. Now. 8. Lose. 9. Idea. 11. Cub. 13. Sit. 14. Sensitive. Down: 1. Bootlaces. 2. Ace. 3. Kick. 4. Um. 5. Newcastle. 10. Semi. 12. Ban. 13. Ski.

SPURS manager Keith Burkinshaw has had plenty to smile about this season. Nothing can have pleased him more than the outstanding progress his young full-back, Chris Hughton, has made. But Hughton's overnight success in the First Division has not surprised anyone at White Hart Lane.

They've known Chris for a long, long time.

"I was born in the East End and I lived right near West Ham's ground," says Chris. "When I was about 14, I went to Tottenham for a trial and they signed me as an amateur. I was playing in midfield

HAPPY DAYS at Spurs for HUGHTON

at the time and when I left school, the club didn't want me as an apprentice. To be honest, I didn't think I was good enough.

"I decided to take an apprenticeship as a lift engineer. West Ham were interested in signing me, but I was happy at

Tottenham, so I thought I'd carry on as an amateur."

Chris may not have been a midfield supremo, but as soon as he switched to the defence, he was on a winning track. Within two years, Spurs were keen to sign him as a full-time professional, but Hughton showed his commonsense by asking if he could complete his four-year apprenticeship first.

"I finally signed in September last year. So much has happened since then. Obviously, I was nervous when I came into the first team. I remember listening to them calling out the team over the loudspeakers at White Hart Lane. I was wondering if I'd get a few cheers — or if the fans would wonder who I was! But they were great. They gave me plenty of encouragement and they've been good to me ever since."

And that's not simply charity from the Spurs supporters. They know their football in North London; and the terrace critics realise Tottenham have a bright young prospect in the side. He can tackle hard, has endless enthusiasm and when beaten has the speed to run and chase and tackle again.

"It's been great playing with so many good players. I think I've been lucky to come into a successful side. The team spirit is great. We have a great laugh together. I love going away to games, feeling the atmosphere

before the match. It's all new to me, you see.

"I'm more confident now. I'm always looking forward to the next match. Playing with people like Terry Yorath and Steve Perryman has really helped. I think the main lesson I've learnt is to be patient. They've got so much experience behind them. You must learn from players like that."

It's been a season Chris will never forget and one night stands out in particular. "When we beat Manchester United at Old Trafford in the Cup, the atmosphere was tremendous. People often talk about the skill in the side, but there's a lot of spirit, too. I think we proved it that night."

"It was like a party in the



Hughton has proved an outstanding discovery in the Tottenham defence this season.

dressings-room afterwards. I've never known anything like that. I felt like we'd won the Cup. What a night!"

The millions of neutrals who saw the game on TV must have warmed to that courageous Spurs win. And Chris is hoping his side

Chris Hughton represents the Republic of Ireland although he was born in the East End of London.

will be able to take their skill and spirit into European competition next season.

"I'd love to see us finish up in the qualifying places for Europe. That's a challenge we'd all welcome."

Tottenham have a super record in Europe and the present side could well add to those past glories. "But whatever happens, it's been a great season for me," says Chris. "Getting into the first team here and then winning a full cap for Eire (his mother was born in Ireland). It's been brilliant."

Chris Hughton has come a long way in a few short months, but down at White Hart Lane they're saying his happy days have only just begun!

I WAS very disappointed when Kevin Keegan signed for Southampton. You see, I really thought he would have jumped at the chance to join Manchester United.

With Kevin at Old Trafford the thought of what we could have achieved was positively frightening.

Even though we are neck-and-neck with Liverpool in the title race many people still regard us as second-raters alongside the Merseysiders.

Kevin Keegan would have changed that view. He could have ignited us, provided the spark of genius that maybe we have lacked since the days of George Best and Denis Law.

Apart from making United a better team overnight, the fans would have gone wild. And I don't mean that in the hooligan sense.

It's bad enough trying to accommodate all our fans at Old Trafford as it is. Keegan's arrival could have posed real problems.

Supporters would probably have needed season tickets just for a place in the queue.

At the moment there's talk of Manchester United extending Old Trafford to hold 75,000. Signing Europe's top player might well have persuaded the club to rush this scheme through.

Naturally I wish him all the best of luck at Southampton. It was certainly a tremendous piece of soccer psychology by manager Lawrie McMenemy and provided the transfer shock of the century.

'I wanted Keegan

Why Southampton, as opposed to United, Chelsea, Arsenal, Leeds or any of the other big city clubs willing to sign Kevin?

I believe he's had enough of leading the jet-setter life. Going to United would have put enormous pressure on him because we are still the most glamorous club in the country.

Returning to Liverpool would have been a mistake. His presence would have upset the whole pattern of the side.

Kevin has settled for the quiet life and I can't think of many places more suited to that than the beautiful county of Hampshire.

He's also got his mate Mike Channon down at The Dell... and Dave Watson, Phil Boyer, Steve Williams and maybe Charlie George... if he decides to stay.

Lawrie McMenemy was obviously a great influence on Kevin. But so was the financial side.

Much has been said about Kevin coming back for less than he could earn elsewhere. Maybe that's true but he won't be on peanuts, that's for sure.

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Kevin Keegan's move to Southampton will rekindle public interest in the game.



pouring into Saints now, not only from big business companies but from clubs all over the world.

Southampton can be the Santos of England. When the Brazilian club had the great Pele in their side they spent most of the time touring the world earning big money from friendlies.

Saints will now command large fees for providing the opposition to clubs such as Juventus, Bayern Munich, Real Madrid and perhaps even Santos.

Obviously Kevin has benefited from his three years with Hamburger SV. But I don't agree with the view that playing on the Continent has made him more talented.

He was one hell of a player at Liverpool. The fact is Kev has now reached his peak.

Critics are continually comparing

British footballers with those abroad. But I feel we tend to underestimate our players.

When foreign players bend free-kicks around walls and score great goals, the media and fans go into raptures.

Our players can do these things and quite often do in matches. But sadly it's the trend at the moment to knock anything British.

Anyway, playing abroad isn't a guarantee for success. As far as I can see most of the English League players who've gone to the Continent over the past few years have come back.

Apart from Kevin, there's Dave Watson, Duncan McKenzie, Ray Clarke and Dennis Tueart.

Don't be misled by the theory that most players join the talent drain for the experience. That's

nonsense.

Players go for one reason and one reason only... money.

And why not? If you were offered four times your salary, plus a luxurious house, car and other benefits for a couple of years wouldn't you think twice about it?

I don't think the Continentals can teach us much... except perhaps discipline.

The foreign clubs work and expect a great deal more from their players than we do here.

Training is a lot tougher. Continentals work all day... every day. They are away from their families for much longer before matches. Rewards are greater, but then so are the fines if you step out of line, or have a run of bad results.

Forwards might improve their play slightly after a spell abroad because of the tighter marking from defenders.

Learning to live with and shaking off some of the Continental full-backs and still score goals can only benefit if you came back to the English game.

Kevin Keegan will score goals next season, there's no doubt about that.

I've played against him many times for Leeds and Scotland and always found him a handful.



George Best has been given another chance by Hibernian.

I'd say Kenny Dalglish, Kev's replacement at Liverpool, has a better box of tricks, but the England skipper is harder to pin down.

Kevin is always looking for the ball, is superbly fit, confident and sharp.

Although I'm not looking forward to playing against him again next season I'm delighted he's back home.

He will add spice to games... gates will go up wherever he plays... and he'll make Saints a force to be reckoned with. There's plenty of room at the top for them and Kevin.

You can't keep Kev out of the headlines... or my pal George Best.

You may recall in my column shortly after he joined Hibernian I said we'd have to wait and see if he makes it this time.

As you know he was sacked and then reinstated by Hibs after admitting to his drinking problem.

I met his wife Angela at Old Trafford recently and she told me he was not an alcoholic but pretty close to it.

He's now attending a clinic and is back at Easter Road after being given yet another chance by chairman Tom Hart.

I feel sorry for George, because as Jimmy Greaves has pointed out so dramatically, drink can be a disease if it gets a hold of you.

Co-operative

George was really making a name for himself with Hibs. The fans loved him... he was co-operative to the Press... and generally seemed to have buried his past.

Like Jimmy Greaves, George has to meet his problems head-on, otherwise he's going to be finished for good... and so will his marriage.

I hope he succeeds. And I know I'll be criticised for this, but I believe he deserves this one more chance.

He can't be that bad a lad otherwise people like Tom Hart and Fulham boss Bobby Campbell wouldn't have rallied around him like they did.

This Saturday (March 15th) United visit Brighton for what promises to be a hard game.

A few weeks ago I'd have said two points for United were a certainty. But The Seagulls have picked up since then and are going quite well.

United have still got to go for both points though, if we are to keep any chance of overtaking Liverpool.

Before I close this week just a few words about United chairman Mr. Louis Edwards who died recently.

I know he's been the subject of some adverse publicity, and it's not my place to comment on that, but without him and the other directors United wouldn't be the club we are today. He was a good friend to me and all the players.

Jimmy Greaves

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This week's Star Letter comes from Y. Griffiths of St. Paul's Cray in Kent, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

LET'S CHALLENGE REFS' DECISIONS!

★ I believe that, just as teams have a standard amount of chances to substitute players, they should have two or three challenges of decisions made by the referee.

When the referee makes a dubious decision about a penalty or off-side, etc., then the manager of one team could decide to use one of these 'challenges'. At this point, one or two things could happen. For important matches, a video replay could be shown on a large screen in the stadium. If it could be clearly seen that the referee's decision was incorrect, then it would not be a penalty, etc., but if it was a correct decision then if the challenged offence was a free-kick, it would be advanced 10 metres, and if a penalty, it would automatically be a goal.

In less important matches, a panel of experts could be brought into action in the event of a 'challenge' in order to adjudicate. I think this would be a good system because it would give teams who had genuinely been unfairly penalised a chance to get their case heard, and yet would deter teams from making a challenge just for the sake of it.

● That's what I like — anything to simplify the game!

Faith rewarded

I WOULD like to congratulate Bobby Robson, the manager of Ipswich, and the directors of Ipswich. At the end of October, Ipswich were bottom of the First Division and so-called experts were writing them off. The directors could have done it the Bolton way and sacked Robson, but they kept faith with him. Robson, who could himself have taken the easy way out by earning a fortune in Spain, stayed at Ipswich.

As the season went on Ipswich began to rise in the table until, at the time of writing, they were third and in the F.A. Cup Sixth Round. They have achieved this by producing fine young players, being watched by below average crowds and have proved money doesn't buy success. (Take note, Manchester City.)

How refreshing it is to see a team like Ipswich challenging the big boys and going for top honours.

ONOR MULLIN,
HEXHAM.

● What amazes me is why Ipswich played so badly early on.

Flair is rare

I OBJECT to Terry Venables' theory that the England team is "full of flair". As everyone knows, flair has become a rare commodity in our football during the past couple of decades. Belgium's goals at Hampden Park illustrated a greater flair than anything the current England side has produced.

Nevertheless, I am optimistic about our chances in Italy, if our traditional virtues of strength and fitness can be used to advantage, together with the skills of Keegan, Brooking, Woodcock and Francis. We could surprise the Italians and Germans.



TREVOR BROOKING

As for flair, our League football does not encourage it. Players seldom have time to think about what they are doing, and the result is usually a game filled with random, ill-directed passes, played at the same high speed, without variation, over the full 90 minutes.

The style of football played by the top Continental sides — particularly in West Germany, Holland and Belgium — places a higher premium on skill.

JOE DUNDAS,
ILKLEY.

● Flair may not have been evident under Don Revie, but Ron Greenwood's England have managed to combine success with entertainment.

Pen-pal

I'M a Swedish guy living in Argentina and I'd like to exchange soccer views with fanatics from all over the world, especially the U.K.

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Megson tries a shot for Everton against Ipswich recently.

GARY MEGSON

the ex-Pilgrim's progress at Everton

GARY Megson, Everton's latest buy from Plymouth, is determined to win an F.A. Cup winners' medal — to make up for the losers' medal his father received in 1966.

Megson was just seven when he watched dad Don, the former Bristol Rovers manager, play for Sheffield Wednesday at Wembley ... ironically against Everton.

"Since then, I must have watched the game about 20 times on film, hoping each time that my father would finish on the winning side. But the score never changes. It's always 3-2 to Everton.

"Now I'd like to get a winners' medal in the family by going there with Everton."

Megson played more than 70 League games for Plymouth before deciding last November that he wanted a change of surroundings.

"I told the manager that I would be moving on when my contract expired at the end of the season and he immediately put me on the list. He wouldn't even let me train with the team.

"I did a lot of running in the local park but there's nothing like playing. You need that to keep match fit.

"I had a lot of good times with The Pilgrims and it's a shame that the end had to be so nasty. I was training on my own for two months."

Plenty of clubs were willing to sign Megson. As well as Everton, Wolves, Manchester City, Ipswich, West Brom and Bristol City were all keen.

"In the end, Plymouth told me to talk to John Barnwell at Wolves

and Gordon Lee at Everton.

"I spoke to both managers about the prospect of joining them on a loan and really, there was no choice to make in the end. Everton are such a big club I felt the others couldn't match them."

After less than two months on loan, Gordon Lee was convinced that Megson was worth the £250,000 transfer fee.

The 20-year-old also got a surprise early call to the first team because of injuries.

Pressures

He proved himself more than able to cope with the First Division pressures and says: "Now I've just got to make sure that I can stay in the team."

Megson is still very close to his dad, who manages Portland Timbers in the North American Soccer League.

Being brought up in a football atmosphere obviously helped him but he says: "My dad never pushed me into football. He let me make up my own mind and offered help if I wanted it."

Megson's form has already earned him a call up from Ron Greenwood for England's Under-21 squad but he knows he still has a lot to learn.

"I'm happy on the ball because I'm an attacking player but I've got to do more work on the defensive side of my game."

They're well pleased with him at Everton, though, and he says: "I just hope I can help them to win something soon."

STEVE COPPELL'S WARNING TO LIVERPOOL

STEVE Coppel issues a stern warning to Liverpool. He says: "Manchester United will be in strong contention for the title right up to the last kick of the season."

And the Old Trafford midfielder man bases his confident challenge on what he believes to be solid assets in United's present style of play — a correct blend, plus consistency.

"In a way, it's what we've learned from Liverpool and Nottingham Forest that has helped us," admits Steve. "Both these teams have demonstrated the value of possessing strength at the back combined with attacking ability. And they've performed well, week after week, season after season. Manchester United, on the other hand, have very often concentrated on going forward without making sure they were secure in defence."

'Balance'

"This season, though, United have managed to achieve a good balance, and our form, which previously was inclined to be erratic, is now settled. Consequently we are collecting more points. Fortunately for us in the past, we've compensated for lack of success in Cup competitions by doing something in the League, and vice-versa."

"Over the years, too, we've been known as a club that went in for attractive football, and I think that this is a feature in our game that we'll always strive to maintain. Our manager, Dave Sexton encourages us to attack, and my individual preference is for going forward — our players are geared for it, but at the same time, there has been an overall tightening up."

Coppel, an intelligent player, is realistic enough not to let his



Coppel threads his way through the Liverpool defence in last season's F.A. Cup Semi-Final.

assessment of Manchester United's Championship chances sound over-optimistic.

"If I were a betting man, I might be excused for putting money on Liverpool to finish at the top of the table. We've a big job on our hands to topple them from their pedestal — they are a complete side, no weaknesses and difficult to play against."

"But there is some way to go yet before this season is over, and Liverpool's recent defeat at Wolves and our 2-0 win at home to Bolton put us level on points. The fans will be right behind us. Liverpool are like Manchester United in this respect, and the backing that both clubs receive at Old Trafford and Anfield is all-

important — the cash paid at the turnstiles enables new players to be bought to achieve the results that continue to draw the crowds. This is a recurring feature.

"Success is necessary to both Liverpool and United, because no club is entitled to take its supporters for granted. Manchester, Merseyside and the North-East are recognised hot-beds of soccer, yet Newcastle United suffered a big drop in attendances at St. James' Park last season when they were going through a bad patch. If that can happen on Tyneside, it could happen anywhere, which is why I think it essential that clubs should attempt to give their fans value for money."

That belief of Coppel's that the loyal fans are worth making an effort for, is typical of a man who goes all-out during his 90 minutes on the field. But this summer, Steve will be 3,000 miles away from Old Trafford and football, club calls and, England duties permitting, he will be spending part of his leisure time in a country he loves to visit, the United States.

He says: "I hope to be travelling to America in the close season, because I find the experience of just being over there tremendously stimulating. I have business interests in the States, which involve developing a certain type of soccer boot — so I'll not be getting away from the game completely!"

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BIRTHDATE: October 6, 1953

HEIGHT: 6ft

WEIGHT: 13st 9lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Rotherham United

MARRIED: To Sue

CHILDREN: A daughter, Amy

CAR: Datsun

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Tony Currie of Q.P.R.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Brazil

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Alan Woodward when he was with Sheffield Utd.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Stoke 0

Bolton 0, February, 1978

BIGGEST THRILL: Playing in Division One

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being bottom of the First Division this season

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Italy

FAVOURITE FOOD: Salads

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Training,

walking with my little girl

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Stupid comments from fans

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Fallen Hero, Secret Army

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Boomtown Rats, Van Morrison

FAVOURITE ACTORS: Jack Ellam (that nasty J.R. in Dallas!) and Joanna Lumley

BEST FRIENDS: My brothers Michael and John

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Alan Hodgkinson, who coached me when he was at Sheffield United

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Players who don't train properly

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth cap

PERSONAL AMBITION: To see the world and be happy

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: An F.A. Cup winners' medal

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